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## Sino-Russian Dispute May Go Before The Little Assembly

### Tsiang Supports Proposition

Lake Success, Dec. 5.—Nationalist China today agreed to the Latin-American suggestion to send the Chinese-Russian dispute to the United Nations "Little Assembly," but the United States immediately voiced opposition.

Dr. Philip Jessup, American Ambassador-at-large and State Department expert on the Far East, told the United Nations Main Political Committee that the sending of China's charges against Russia to the Little Assembly for further study would not serve any real purpose in bringing a solution to the problem.

But Dr. T. F. Tsiang, leader of the Nationalist delegation, accepted the proposal made by Cuba, Ecuador and Peru, declaring his belief that the "more the Assembly or its organs study the problem and evidence we have placed before them the stronger our case will become."

"We accept this resolution," Dr. Tsiang said, "not because my delegation thinks that the Assembly should or could not at this moment accede to the wishes I have expressed. We accept it because it is plain that many delegations have not had time to study the question."

Dr. Tsiang had asked that the Assembly urge its members to withhold diplomatic recognition from Mao Tse-tung's Communist government at Peking and to declare an embargo on economic or military aid to it.

**COMMITTEE ADJOURNS**  
Dr. Jessup expressed continued support for the resolution proposed by the United States, Australia, Mexico, Pakistan and the Philippines which demands a "hands off" policy toward China.

The Committee adjourned and agreed to vote on Tuesday morning on three resolutions now before it.

Asked whether his support for the Latin-American resolution meant that he would withdraw his own measure of condemnation against Russia, Dr. Tsiang told the Committee, "To the contrary, we shall press our motion more strongly in the interim committee."

Dr. Jessup immediately after Dr. Tsiang had announced China's acceptance of the proposal to send the problem to the Soviet-boycotted interim committee or Little Assembly "for

continuous examination and study and to report to the next session of the General Assembly with recommendations."

Dr. Jessup said, "I would like to point out that the delegations which sponsored the joint resolution have carefully considered the whole matter, not only in drafting our resolution but also in the light of this debate. The proposal is not an idea which escaped our attention."

### COMPLEX PROBLEM

Dr. Jessup said the United States recognized the complexity of the problem and of the evidence presented by Dr. Tsiang. "But we are concerned with trying to find appropriate action by the General Assembly at this session on this very important and serious case. I might, with due deference, suggest that the joint resolution which my delegation joined in sponsoring is not a judgment or acquittal of the Soviet Union on the charges made by China. I venture to suggest that the joint resolution is a proper expression of the attitude the Assembly should take, having in mind the present and future difficulties of China. It represents an attempt to approach the subject in a spirit of sympathy with China and the Chinese people and the spirit of discharging the obligations of the General Assembly on this question."

Australia quickly joined the United States in opposing the plan to send the dispute to the Little Assembly. Chile said the American-Australian position was "not convincing" and again expressed support for the outspoken original Chinese resolution.—United Press.

## Fraser Meets Bradley



Lord Bruce Fraser (left), Britain's First Sea Lord, talks with Gen. Omar Bradley, chief of U.S. joint chiefs of staff, in Paris where they met with other military leaders of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations to map plans for defence of western Europe. Their task was to outline the defence barrier past which no attacker from the east could march without a fight with combined forces of all 12 member nations. — AP Picture.

## Women Give Thanks For Etna "Miracle"

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 5.—Men and women knelt today in the tiny whitewashed church of the village of Bronte on the slopes of Mount Etna and gave thanks for the "miracle" that saved their homes from a flaming river of lava.

Villagers had returned to their houses late last night after a three days' eruption by the volcano which sent lava gushing down the western slopes.

In the last stages of the eruption it looked as though the tiny village, which stands on the estate of the Duke of Bronte, a descendant of Admiral Lord Nelson—would be engulfed.

The villagers streamed out to safety points further down the slopes and from there watched with horror and prayed for salvation as the incandescent wall of lava advanced toward their abandoned homes.

They gave thanks for the answering of their prayers. The lava had practically come to a halt and experts said that the eruption "could be regarded as finished."

After the church service the villagers climbed up to the slopes, clambering over the dark, twisted lava of previous eruptions.

### LOSES PRIZE TREE

With arms crooked before their faces to ward off the scorching waves of heat from the new lava, they looked on the smouldering ashes where there had been fertile fields and olive groves only a few days before.

An old man said, indicating a blackened tree stump: "That was my prize olive tree. My father told me it was planted the day I was born."

"I grew up with it and it shade served to protect me and my children and their children. I had hoped to sit under it again—perhaps for the last time—his summer. I am glad my father did not live to see this."

Today people here began smiling and joking again in relief that the danger, slight as it was, had been ended.

Citizens were able to lay aside the umbrellas and newspaper hats that they had used to protect themselves from falling cinders.

## Shirley Gets Divorce

Los Angeles, Dec. 5.—Shirley Temple, the 21-year-old film actress, who enchanted millions as a child star, won a divorce today.

She testified that her husband, actor John Agar, drank to excess, had romances with other women and even drove her to thinking of suicide.

—Associated Press.

## Atomic Bomb Materials Sent To Russia In 1943

### HARRY HOPKINS NOT INVOLVED

Washington, Dec. 5.—Three shipments of vital atomic bomb materials were sent to Russia in 1943, and no evidence has been found that Harry L. Hopkins was involved, the congressional investigator disclosed on Monday.

This statement was made by Mr. Louis Russell, chief investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee. It was made as the committee met in an urgent session to determine whether it should look into the former Air Force major's charges that Hopkins, late White House intimate of President Roosevelt, and two State Department officials helped send materials to Russia.

Russell introduced into the Committee records letters from Hermann Rosenberg of Chematek, Inc., a New York brokers firm, giving details of Soviet purchases of uranium nitrate, uranium oxide, heavy water, and partial details of a 25-pound shipment of uranium metal.

Russell also quoted Major General Leslie Groves, war-time head of the atomic programme, as saying he tried to keep the first uranium shipment to Russia, but that it was too late.

Groves wrote to Secretary of State James Byrnes on November 18, 1946 that after the first shipment of 420 pounds of uranium compound was flown to Russia, the Manhattan Engineering District arranged for the prohibition of uranium exports.

Byrnes was not Secretary of State at the time of the 1943 shipments.

Russell said the second and third shipments were made after the Manhattan District had ordered the ban. He said the second shipment included 500 pounds of uranium oxide and 500 pounds of uranium nitrate bought by the Russians in Canada and shipped through the Great Falls base.

The third shipment consisted of 25 pounds of uranium metal and a thousand grams of heavy water, also shipped through the Great Falls.

It is not clear where the material in this third shipment was purchased.

**CANADA INTERVENES**  
Russell said the government inquiry stated that the second shipment of Canadian materials was shipped at Canada's request.

Canada asked that the matter be dropped "in the interest of the national security of Canada."

The former Air Force officer, George Jordan, told the Un-American Activities Committee the State Department kept him waiting up and down corridors after he protested the shipping of substances which, he believed, contained atomic secrets, to Russia.

Jordan was Lend-Lease exporter in 1943-44 at the Great Falls, Montana, air base, where materials were shipped "to the war-time ally."

He testified that he "believes" the White House letter he saw in a Russia-bound plane in 1944, was addressed to A.I. Mikoyan, now Russian Minister of Foreign Trade. He said the White House note was in a folder labelled "Oak Ridge" and contained his line: "I had hell of a time getting these away from Groves—H.H."

## Night-Long Vigil At Scene Of Fire

Yesterday's big fire which burnt down about 800 squatters' huts and village houses in Cheung-shan district resulted in two fatalities and two or three minor injuries. The bodies of two children were recovered yesterday afternoon soon after the fire had been extinguished.

Men were kept on duty throughout last night and only withdrew late this morning. Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, said, "We couldn't take any chances" to take the men away from the area last night.

The Fire Brigade has not yet ascertained the cause of the disaster and investigation is continuing this morning.

**World-Wide  
Census Of  
Armies And  
Weapons**

New York, Dec. 5.—The United Nations Assembly today approved a Western power plan for a worldwide census of armed forces and non-atomic weapons. The resolution excluded all mass destruction arms.

Russia and the Soviet bloc countries bitterly opposed the Norwegian-French proposals and indicated they had no intention of submitting the requested data.

The vote was 44 to 5 with five abstentions.

The Assembly then rejected a Soviet proposal which would have included atomic data in any census of weapons. The vote on this was: six for, 39 against and nine abstaining.

The two resolutions grew out of Soviet demands that the five big powers slash their armaments by one-third. The Western powers argued that no arms reductions could be put into effect until complete verified information was available.

France opened the last round of debate by charging that the Russians are trying to trap the Western powers into disarming while they are building "a gigantic army unprecedented in history."—Associated Press.

## Plot To Rob Bank

Rangoon, Dec. 5.—Hearing of an alleged plot to rob the State-owned Union of Burma Bank, Rangoon police arrested four men as they were driving toward the Bank in a hired jeep today.

The police allege that the plan for the robbery included placing an accomplice inside the bank to stop the burglar alarm working.—Associated Press.

## Gen. Pai's Troops Abandon Kwangsi

Chengtu, Dec. 5.—One hundred thousand Nationalist troops have abandoned all of Kwangsi Province in South China and are preparing to embark for Hainan Island in the South China Sea, according to reports here.

Dispatches said that Nationalist troops under the command of General Pai Chung-hai are pouring into Luichow Peninsula in Southern Kwangtung province. The island is separated from the mainland by a strait about 15 miles wide.

General Pai's Headquarters as well as the provincial Kwangsi government already have been established there.

Nanking, capital of Kwangsi province, has been described as a "vacuum." The Nationalists began to retreat to Luichow after a final flurry of engagements with the Communists at Luichow, and slightly south of Nanning.

Reports here did not say when the Nationalists had suffered their last defeat but they did say that Pai was expected to fly here today or tomorrow to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Chengtu itself, threatened by Communist columns facing northwest from Chungking, has been reinforced by an undisciplined number of troops, but even so the morale of Nationalist soldiers was reported to be bad.

The growing number of desertions was reportedly due to lack of food and ammunition. At one point, an entire regiment reportedly went over to the Communists.—United Press.

## STOP PRESS

## Missing Plane: No News

No news has so far been received of the C-46 belonging to C.A.T., reported missing since early yesterday morning.

The C.A.T. is continuing its search and this morning a special plane was dispatched from Kai Tak in the hope of locating the missing aircraft which was carrying a woman passenger.

A P.O.A.S. plane, which is coming to Hongkong from Bangkok, signalled that she would join in the search en route to Kai Tak.

The exact locality of the forced landing has not been established, but it is thought that the plane might have landed somewhere in Hainan Island. There is the possibility of the aircraft grounded somewhere near Pakhoi, because although Pakhoi is off the regular air route between Hongkong and Kunning, it is pointed out that the plane was in the air for several hours before it made a forced landing.

## Death Of Maj. Frank Hogg

News has been received in Hongkong of the death of Major Frank Hogg in England. Major Hogg was Jockey Club veterinary surgeon from 1934 until he retired and left Hongkong in January 1947.

A letter from a friend says that Major Hogg, who was living at Modbury, Devonshire, collapsed and died on his way to a hunt. Mrs. Hogg died earlier this year in England. They are no children.

Major and Mrs. Hogg were interred at Stanley during the war.

## EDITORIAL

### Duties Of Dog-owners

It cannot be said that Government's campaign to combat the now really grave epidemic of rabies is showing much success. There are, it is admitted, many difficulties with which to contend, chief of which, perhaps, is lack of co-operation on the part of many dog-owners. Warnings of the danger of allowing dogs to run loose are being ignored by a great number of people in a most studied manner; indicative is the fact that between 20 and 30 owners during the past week have been summoned in court for allowing their dogs to be abroad minus muzzles, and it is reasonable to assume that just as many, if not more, were guilty of a similar offence during the same period but remained undetected. One correspondent has advanced the drastic suggestion that all dogs seen loose in public should be immediately destroyed. The proposition is certain to produce a roar of anger from owners, yet, in the light of the deliberate flaunting of the often-enough repeated regulations, the Authorities might claim that they would be fully justified in this action. It cannot be too emphatically declared that rabies can only be brought under control by the Authorities with the most painstaking co-operation and assistance of the community who possess domestic animals. It is not uncommon to find that owners will take their pets out of the house on a lead and then release them in open spaces, apparently fully content that the animals can neither be a menace to others, or themselves menaced, because they will so readily come to heel when called. This is the sort of stupid behaviour which prevents effective combatting of rabies, for an animal off a leash can interfere with another dog under control and himself suffer infection from the contact. It is the duty of every dog-owner to see

that his animal when taken out of the house is as fully protected, for his own dog's sake, as possible. In this respect owners should avoid allowing indolent, uninterested amahs from exercising dogs, even on leads. Too often can be seen in the suburban districts, amahs jabbering away at each other with dogs at the end of a leash fully capable of snapping at and biting innocent passers-by. These amahs make no effort to control the animals which are in their charge; so far as they are concerned they are fulfilling the regulations by attaching the dogs to leads—thereafter they have little or no interest in seeing whether their dogs are in a position to attack somebody or be attacked by other dogs. Wherever possible owners should exercise their dogs and see that they are under complete control all the time they are in public. Another suggestion is that no dog should be permitted to be out of doors on a lead longer than four feet. In Kowloon, where, incidentally, rabies is at present concentrated, dogs can be seen every day at the end of 10-foot long leads—and invariably they are large animals being taken for a walk by thoughtless and unintelligent servants. A dog on a leash is not per se an animal incapable of becoming involved in a dispute with another dog, or of attacking nearby pedestrians; unless he is under complete control, with the lead shortened when necessary, he remains as much a menace as if he were on the loose. Finally, there is clear reason for stiffer penalties when owners are convicted of an offence against the regulations. Fines of \$20 and \$30 are not a deterrent. Dog owners have to be made to realise their responsibilities in the present rabies crisis—and if necessary, the education must be brutal.



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**Latest News Of Paris Fur Trends**

Paris. Full silhouette maintains first place in a Paris collection of some 40 fur models shown with fullness usually thrown toward the back and not exaggerated. A feature is made of back dips, making the length about 12 inches from the ground at front and 11 at back. Sleeves are usually mounted in conventional set-in style, and shoulders remain broad but not squared. The feeling of width is accentuated in a number by sleeves left wide and open at the wrist, frequently turned back in a fold and sometimes faced in contrast matching undersleeves gather in at the wrist. One black have bright duvetyn sleeve facings of pink satin; other roomy coats have bright duvetyn sleeve facings.

Contrasting Furs

Contrasting fur collars and cuffs are seen, notably mink on black. Persian or platinum fox on black seal.

Collars generally are small or medium, upstanding and curved out at front, or shawl shape. There are some scholastic scarves rounded at back with ends carelessly knotted at front. For evening, there are graceful short capes of fox mounting to the throat at front and three-skin deep at back.

Box Jackets

Besides the full loose coats, there is an interesting group of straighter—but roomy—models inspired by men's topcoats. These are double-breasted, with vent to back, and fullness in a fold at either side back. Fitted redingotes are also offered, some leather belted and occasionally with bloused back. Some of the three-quarters topcoats have their fronts turned back.

Mink, both in brown and in the silverblue and Kohinoor mutations, is used, and seal in black and mink brown is given good place. Belge caracul is used for some of the topcoats; black Persian makes redingotes. Other furs seen are beaver, gray and beige squirrel, skunk, and mouton. The foxes play up the new lighter grayed tones.

For the shorter coats, the furs, particularly mink, are often worked in horizontal bands, the long coats emphasize lengthwise stripings, but both show a tendency toward broader patterns.

The majority of American coat fashion inspired by Paris

**Minor Foot Defects In Children**

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MANY young children are handicapped by minor defects of the feet. These can usually be corrected but, before treatment is begun, a study is needed to determine just which muscles are involved in the deformity. The foot is a very complicated structure and, without expert knowledge, it is not easy to see in each case just what force is pulling the foot out of its true shape.

In one disorder, known as hallux varus, the big toe turns in because the muscle between the toe and the foot is contracted and much shorter than it should be. The toe can be pushed into line but, when released, it is immediately pulled back to its former position by the shortened muscle. Strapping the toe in position with adhesive tape and the wearing of a special shoe usually result in correction.

Special Shoe

Another type of deformity is known as metatarsus varus. In this condition, the front part of the foot bends inward, while the heel remains firmly on the ground. To correct this condition, it is necessary to stretch the contractured tissues by holding onto the heel and straightening the foot. In some cases it may be necessary to use a cast or special shoe for a period of time.

In another foot defect, the heel turns inward and there is also some contraction of the muscle at the back of the foot so that the heel is drawn up. In slight cases, this condition may be corrected by strapping with adhesive tape. In more severe cases, the wearing of casts is necessary.

Knock-Knees

In children with knock-knees, the legs are often thrown outward during walking while the foot turns inward where it strikes the ground. In such cases, the trouble with the foot will clear up when the knock-knees are corrected.

Flat, the supporting structures in the foot. The best treatment in children consists in wearing shoes with a raised inner border. Special felt pads are placed in the arches may be of help in some cases. Exercises for strengthening the muscles or ligaments in the foot are also of value. The flat feet may often be associated with knock-knees. However, in such cases, ordinary flat feet is employed, although in some cases the wearing of braces may be required to correct the condition.

**Woman Script Writer Speaks Her Mind**

By JACK METCALFE

Hollywood. THE kudos that have plopped into the lap of Ellen Corby of late have, if anything, only strengthened this character actress' hold on her Script Supervisors' Guild membership.

Her screen chores have netted her an Academy Award nomination and the Hollywood Foreign Correspondents' Association golden globe, to say nothing of enthusiastic and profitable admiration of casting offices.

"I'm busy now, very busy," she reports. "But I can't forget I earned my bread and butter, and very welcome it was, too, being a script girl for 12 years."

Best recalled for her portrayal of Trina in "I Remember Mama," Miss Corby currently is following the movie trail as a civic-minded housewife in 20th Century-Fox's "The Gun Fighter."

She, unromantic woman, sparks a campaign to run notorious gunman Gregory Peck out of town.

**Too Much Appetite**

Before Miss Corby hit on scripting as a way to crash the iron-curtained studio gates, she battered her pretty head against them in the way of most Hollywood hopefuls.

Add to the normal troubles of a young actress trying for a break, the petite miss confides, she had and still has a near-gargantuan appetite.

"Born a Scandinavian in Wisconsin, I grew up with the idea of 'thrift,'" she says. "It's my middle name."

"Once I got the idea that a hot dog and hamburger stand might help stretch the pennies between paydays."

That attempted economy boomeranged.

"I found, the 115-pound, five-foot three-inch confesses, 'that I was doing a fair job of devouring the profits single-handedly.'"

With this adventure in good eating still ahead of her, Miss Corby plunged into studio work in 1932 via the script holding route.

**It Took 12 Years**

Twelve years and 142 pictures later, persistence paid off when she had a minute walk-on part in "Coroner."

Once she made the leap from behind the camera into its eye, the 30-year-old player decided she'd hold her ground there.

She says, however, that she did not forget the lessons learned the hard way in her scripting days.

"Second guessing a director—that's a script girl's biggest job—is the best training in the world for an actress," she said.

"It takes years of apprenticeship to make the grade scripting, and a good script clerk has to know what the director will do before he knows himself."

Miss Corby's Hollywood friends say a smart director will demand her for a tricky role, if he knows what's good for his picture.

**Fur Hats Receive Attention**

FUR hats are receiving more attention at the hands of the name designers in New York than has been true in several seasons. Paris, modistes, too, are showing them, especially Legroux. This brings up the question of whether they will again become a fashion to reckon with for winter.

The hats are treated in the same manner as those fashioned of other media, small, plaited, in various trend shapes. Some are made entirely of fur, but the majority are applied to felt, often in exactly matching shade.

Hattie Carnegie at her press showing recently, presented fur hats of various media, but with short or longer coats lined with fur, the hats matching. Chosen pelts include white mink which is part of the emphasis this house puts on the pure white hat; Alaska seal, nutria, squirrel, Ermine is a choice also but is not presented with a fur-lined coat. Lilly Dache presents fur hats with cloth costumes or those trimmed with fur.

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**Luxurious Alliance**

Christian Dior

BY PRUNELLA WOOD

EXCITING afternoons demand exciting costumes so you'll be properly thrilled by this famous French designer's new creation. It is an after-five outfit which is completely luxurious.

The dress is of heavy stiff black velvet with a full skirt. Deep cuffs, a double-breasted black bone button closing, and a black calf belt are other details. A tall black velvet hat with tulle and gardenia trim and a black Persian collar and muff are added glamour notes.

## Brushes You Need for Beauty



Courtesy Tek-Hughes, Inc.

This tiny clothes brush is one of a trio that comes in a pocket-size kit. The other items are a miniature hair brush and a comb. Nice for travelling.

By HELEN FOLLETT

It is the duty of every woman, young, old or betwixt-and-between, to keep in tip-top condition, to look as well as she possibly can, not only for her own sake, and for self respect, but for the sake of those who come in contact with her.

She must have numerous beautifying accoutrements and, among these items, she will need a number of brushes. To buy the best is to save money in the long run. The brushes must be strong so that they will not bend or weaken when moistened.

Two hair brushes are necessary. How often have you shampooed your hair, only to find, when the last rinsing was finished, that you had forgotten to wash the brush! While doing that little chore your tresses are dripping. With two at hand, one is always clean. After washing them, place the brushes downward so the water will not soak into the back.

There is the hand brush that gives good service. It not only hastens the hand washing process, but it serves as a massage device on the nails. Nails thrive under friction; it stimulates the underlying blood stream that give your coral talons colouring.

If you haven't a high grade bath brush in your good looks equipment you are missing out on something. To leap into the tub or stand under a shower and trust to a soapy wash cloth is to be deceived. The entire body surface is burdened with dead skin scales to which the chemicals caustic by the sweat glands cling and produces an unpleasant odour. Only scouring with plenty of elbow grease will free the flesh of cutaneous debris.

Be sure to have a clothes brush on hand, too, and give your outfit a fast-minute going over before leaving the house.

**Let's Eat**

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

**Don't Be A Difficult Guest**

NOTHING is more disconcerting to a hostess than to have a guest refuse this or that because they "don't eat it."

What is the reason? There may be several. "Mother never served it." They don't like "mixtures" of this or that. But generally the real reason is that it was never introduced to them as children. In other cases the father or mother disliked a certain dish, and through example influenced the child to avoid it, even if it was necessary for his nourishment.

I well remember dreading the day when a school boy friend of my own would come to lunch at our house. All that boy would eat was meat, potatoes and peas. His dotting mother provided this fare twice a day. Now he is an embarrassed bank executive who because of his limited food repertoire rarely accepts an invitation to dinner.

It is up to the mother to cooperate with the school in teaching the child to eat a wide variety of food. This provides for substitutions when certain foods are out of season or high in price; it helps to keep within the food budget; it makes meals more interesting and keeps monotony from becoming a monotonous routine; and avoids the embarrassing situation of being a difficult guest.

Dinner

Tomato Juice

Corn Bread Squares

Oven-Fried Fish Fillets

Creamed Mixed Vegetables

Celery or Pickles

Cinnamon Apple Betty

Whiffy Lemon Sauce

Coffee or Tea

Milk (Children)

Include enriched or whole grain bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

All measurements are level; recipes serve four and this week are based in general on those used in the National School Lunch Program.

A Perfect Fish Dinner

"In my opinion," remarked the Chef, "this is a perfectly planned fish dinner. The fish fillets are fried in the oven, so they will not be dry, but moist and tender, and no cooking smell. The creamed mixed vegetables are new to most families, and very nice with the fish. They also act as a sauce. American corn bread is also a good accompaniment. And there is a fruit dessert, which is a 'must' with a fish dinner. As the apples used are very plentiful, it is also inside the budget."

Oven-Fried Fish

Use 1 1/2 lb. rockfish or whitefish fillets. If the fillets are frozen, first thaw them. Then add 1 tsp. salt to 1/4 c. whole or reconstituted dry skim milk. Mix thoroughly. To leap into the tub or stand under a shower and trust to a soapy wash cloth is to be deceived. The entire body surface is burdened with dead skin scales to which the chemicals caustic by the sweat glands cling and produces an unpleasant odour. Only scouring with plenty of elbow grease will free the flesh of cutaneous debris.

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## PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**BURNS AFTER CRASH**—Spectators in Clermont, New York, get close to the flaming wreckage of this trailer-truck which collided with a similar vehicle. Both drivers were injured and a third car narrowly escaped being involved in the accident. All traffic on the busy New York-Albany highway was halted until the wreckage was removed.



**RELAXING**—Hollywood actress Jane Russell isn't posing for any particular purpose. She's just taking it easy, and she has a nice way of doing it.



**SWELLING THE COLLECTION**—Fritz Reiner autographs the baton he used when he conducted the opening performance of the new season at New York's Metropolitan Opera House for soprano Eleanor Steber, who sang. Miss Steber's famous collection includes batons from Toscanini, Ormandy, Koussevitzky, Walter and other top conductors with whom she has performed.



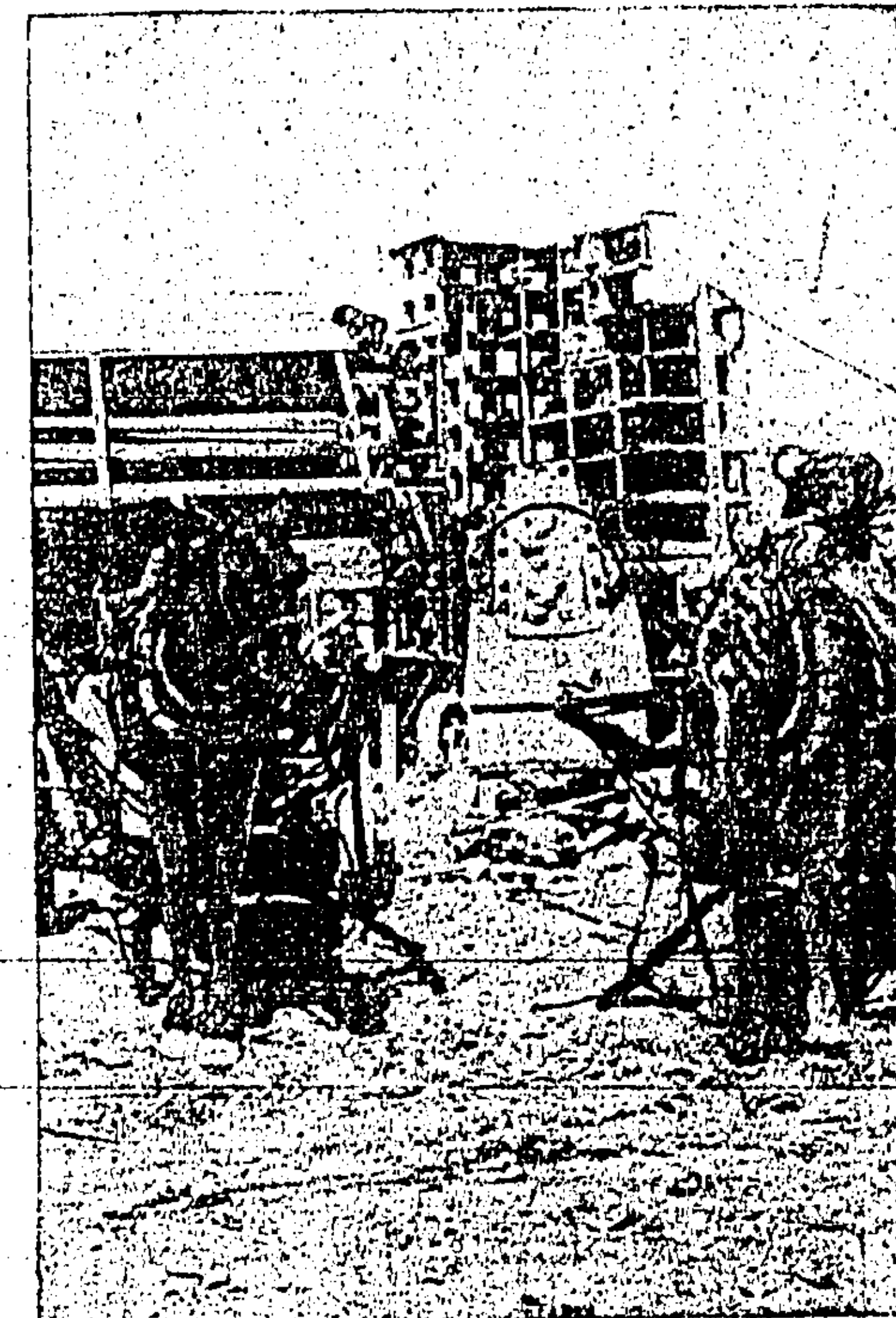
**DOUBLE TROUBLE**—Soon to make their public debut at a zoo in San Francisco are a pair of leopard kittens. At 10 weeks, the still untamed leopards are as big as full-grown house cats, but not nearly as friendly.



**DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT**—Arthur Riggs, 11, steps off a plane in New York with Capt. R. J. Dick. The lad entered a plane without a ticket and headed for California. He got as far as St. Louis before the oversight was discovered, and he was returned home.



**SWISS CHEESECAKE**—Lovely Helga Brandt, Swiss ice-skating star, refuses to part with the skates that made her famous. In Miami, Florida, she found ice more scarce than in her native land, but did the best she could with blocks from an ice plant.



**EVEN RUBBLE HELPS**—In war-torn Warsaw, rubble provides bricks needed for the reconstruction of the city. Special mills are grinding and sorting bricks for the concrete-making machines. These horses transport the rubble to the mill.



**ROLLED TO NEW SITE**—St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio, is shown being placed on a new site after the 500-ton frame structure was lashed 150 feet to make room for a larger building. During the long period of removal, regular services were conducted with the aid of portable steps.



**THEY ALL HELP**—Carefully repaired and checked, these instruments are wrapped with phlofin at a factory in Woodside, New York, before shipment. Hundreds of specialists produce spare parts and repair aircraft instruments which help to keep planes in the air. This one group, near La Guardia Field, gets 200 calls for new parts and instrument inspection every day.



**PURSUIT**—Almost on the table is this turkey, being chased by (from left) Lee Austin, Erna Rossman and Beverly Day in Ellenville, New York. Beverly is just about to catch the old bird and she isn't putting salt on his tail—yet.



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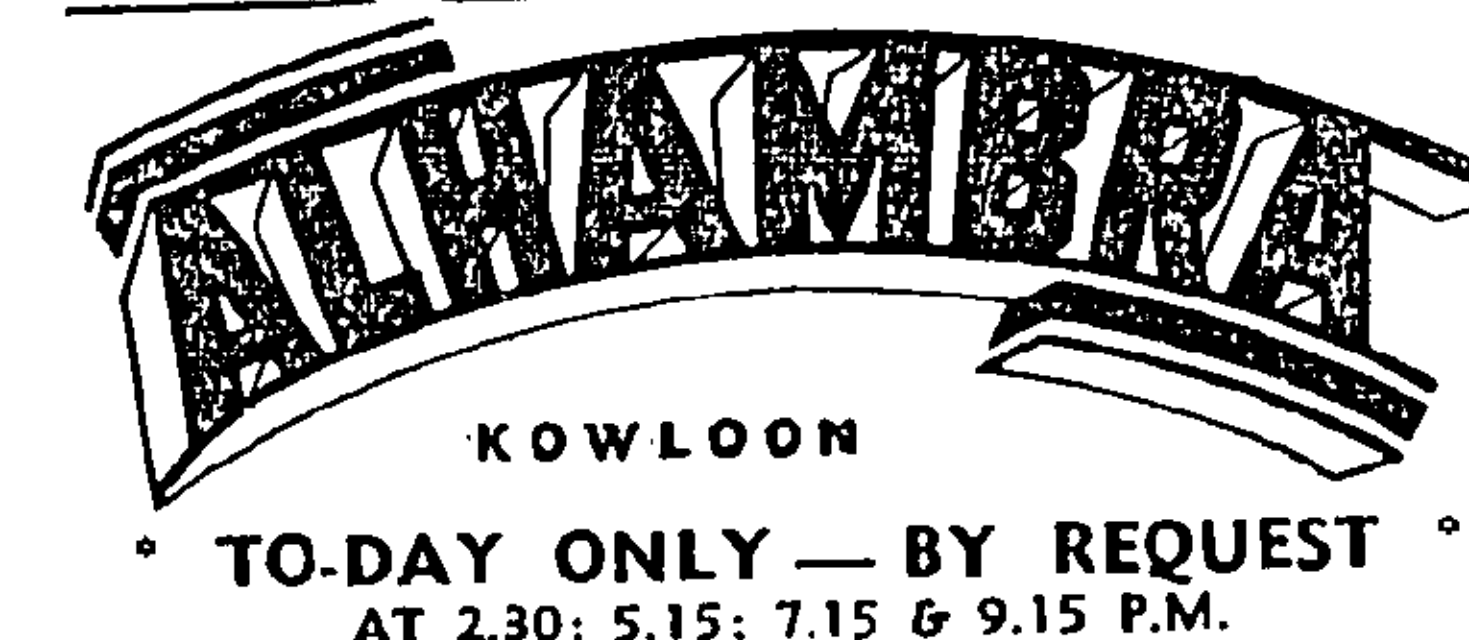
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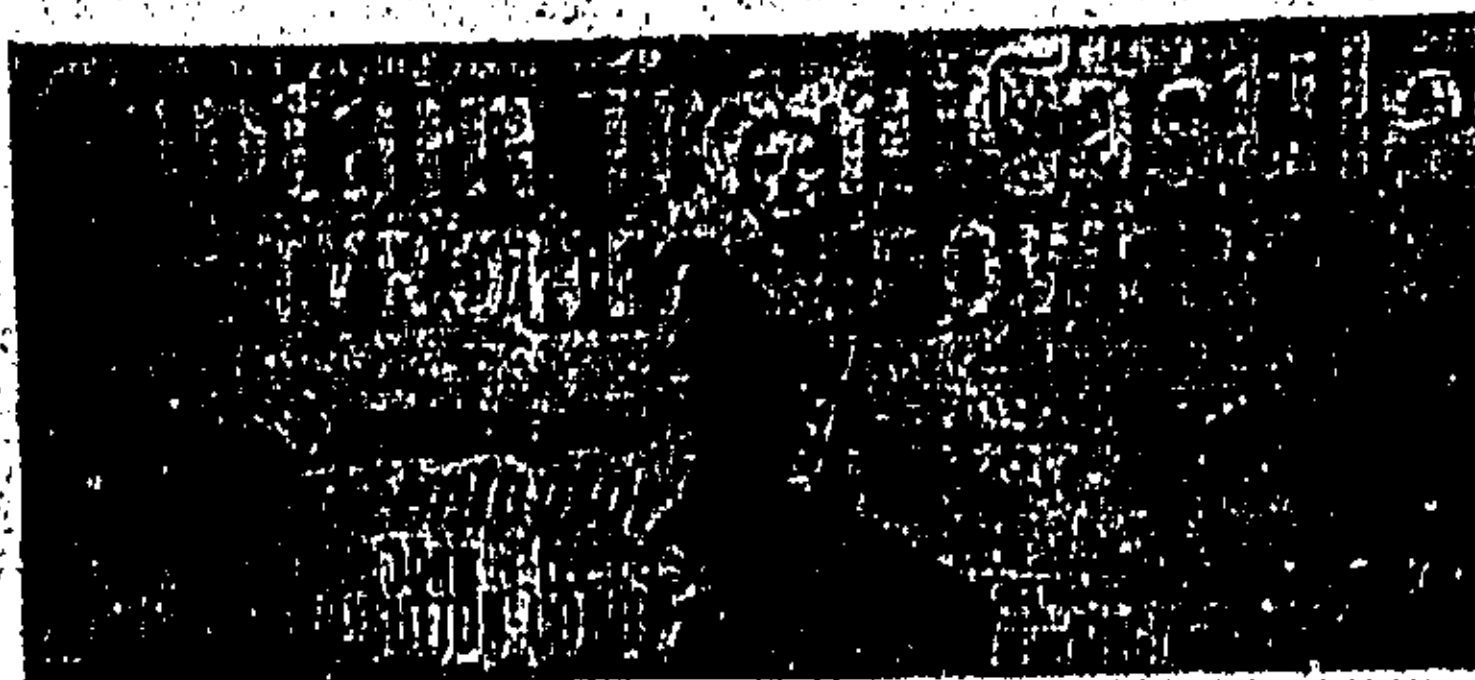
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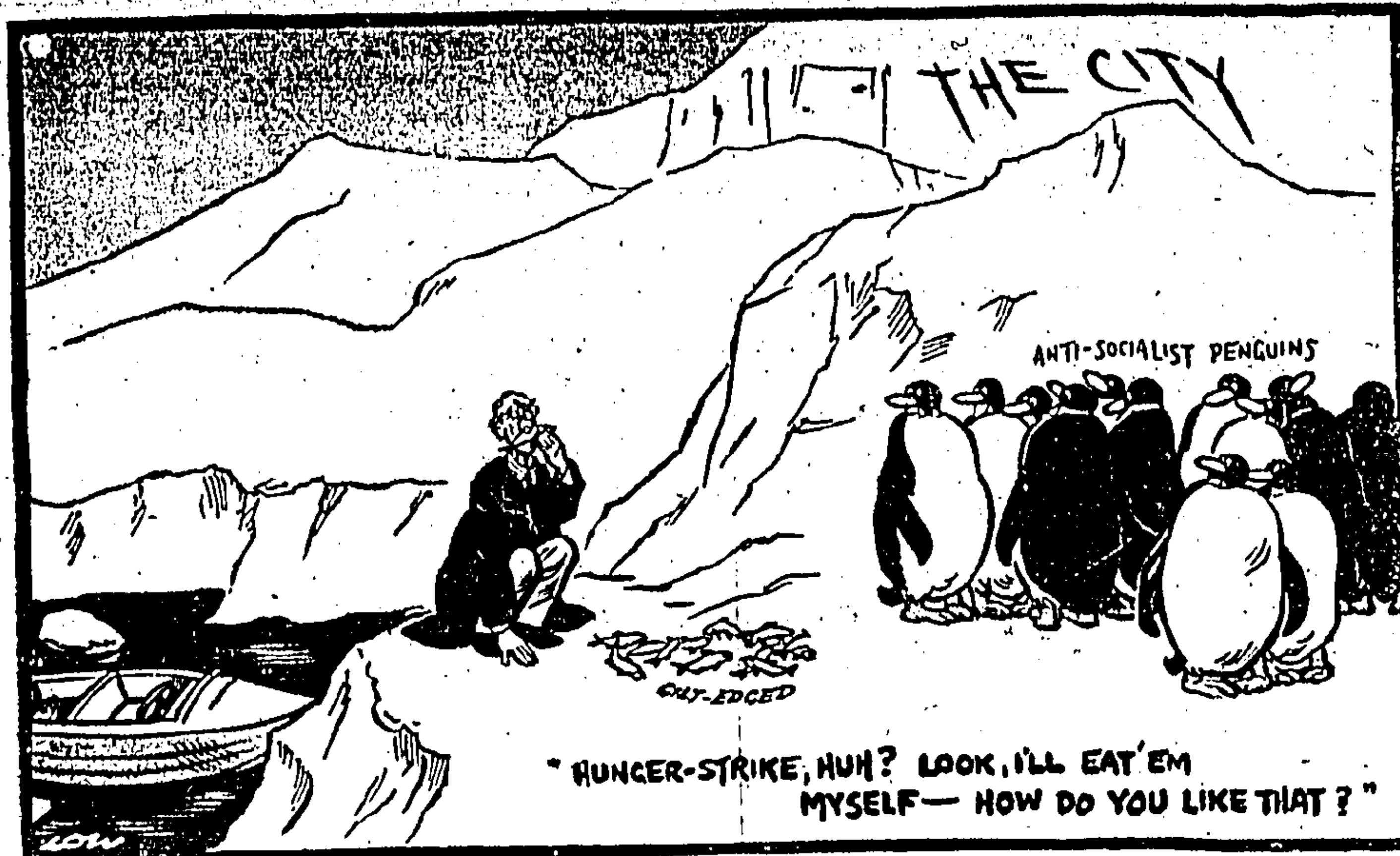


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## Easy Slimming Craze Is Catching On

COUNTLESS men and women are becoming slimmer. Or, at least, doing their best to become so. Why, during the past six months, have these people decided to take weight off?

One answer lies in the fact that it is a lot easier today to reduce weight than it was two years ago.

If you want an indication that slimming is not confined to the vain or the humble, witness that President Truman (present weight 180 lb. target 175 lb.) has embarked on a slimming contest with his military aide.

When, earlier this year, London newspapers reported that Mr. Randolph Churchill had taken a bet to rid himself of 4 lb. in two months, letters poured into Fleet St. offices.

Most of them from women; they wanted to know the name of the Harley-street dietician who was advising Mr. Churchill.

### Three methods

IGNORE FOR the moment the reasons why men and women want to slim, consider the means. They are diet, exercise, drugs.

Since the first two courses require effort and will-power, the third is the most popular. And, by courtesy of Mr. Anurin Bevan, the cheapest.

Under the National Health Act it is possible for doctors to prescribe the use of a drug called Dextroline for slimming purposes. It is one of the benzidine group of drugs, an appetite-killer normally used for alcoholics. It was first produced in America, and has been manufactured in Britain since 1946.

But it was only this year that news of it reached the general public, plus the information that it could be obtained on prescription.

### Big demand

DOCTORS FELT the pressure immediately. One doctor reports that he is now prescribing it to one in 30 of his patients.

Then the manufacturers felt the rush.

"The demand is now several times greater," they say.



DEANNA DURBIN  
 A crease appears under her chin—and her studio drops her.

"It sprang up suddenly, stimulated by the publicity given the drug. We were asked for more and more of the drug as trade sources ran dry. It was a headache to get people stocked up. 'Eventually, we were unable to comply fully with the demands and had to arrange for new plant, which is just beginning to work.'"

### Faulty diet

MOST DOCTORS are willing to prescribe the drug if they are satisfied that the patient really needs to reduce weight.

Nor is it the only drug that can be used for slimming. There are thyroid extracts which can be bought across the counter of chemists' shops without prescription.

The medical information department of a large manufacturing chemist, aware of the increasing demand for these thyroid extracts, gave a warning of unimpaired use of them.

"Thyroid extracts stimulated the utilization of food in the body processes and thus cut down excess weight."

"But too many people make wild guesses as to how many tablets they should take."

"Nobody should attempt to use drugs for slimming without the advice of a doctor."

### No hard rule

IN MOST cases, doctors prescribing the use of slimming drugs propose an accompanying diet.

And it is probably to dieting that the would-be slim eventually turn.

There is no hard rule. Diets vary according to the patient. But the basis of all slimming diets is the resistance to carbohydrates and fat intakes, the avoidance of water retention.

Shortly, this means few potatoes, bread, starchy foods, and no alcohol. Baked mutton rather than roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. Steamed fish rather than fried potatoes. An apple rather than a quarter of chocolate.

### Planned diet

ONE DOCTOR questioned said that he sometimes starts his patients with two days in bed, eating nothing but toast and water. Then begins the planned diet.

This may, but not always, mean a glass of hot water and juice of lemon upon rising.

Breakfast of grapefruit and toast. Lean meat and green vegetables for lunch. A dinner again of cold lean meat, or steamed fish with a salad (no mayonnaise), and fresh fruit to follow.

### The hardy ones

BUT NOT all those who are seeking the lightness of sleep of their happier brethren are turning to quick-sale drugs or diet. There are the hardy ones who try to work off fat by punishing it in gymnasiums and Turkish baths.

Little gymnasia, previously used by sportsmen in training, are now finding their clients increased by tired business men, by sedentary office workers, by film stars who have seen in Judy Garland and Deanna Durbin the shape of things to come.

### Open all night

AT A LARGE baths in Harrow-road, London, the chart of customers has suddenly shown a marked rise.

"We used to close at six in the evening," said the manager. "Now we keep open practically all night. We have more than 700 men a week coming in now."

"Normally we used to reserve Sundays for women, and had more than a dozen or so. Now we get nearly 50 women on Sundays and are turning them away at six o'clock."

### Relieved of 5½ lb.

RECENTLY, Richard Dimbleby, plump radio commentator, took his ample form to a Jermyn-street Turkish baths with some doubt whether anything could be done about it.

The management relieved him of 5½ lb.

A similar amount was taken from Lord Mildmay, rider of Cromwell in the Grand National.

### May be dangerous

WHAT MAKES women so much more anxious to slim now than before? The answer, given by one doctor, was the old answer to every problem, from juvenile delinquency to divorce.

"Up to a point," warned this doctor, "slimming is very sensible."

There are degrees of nutrition where you can put on an unhealthy fat, but you should realize that intelligent treatment depends on intelligent balance.

"It is possible for a woman to slim without losing her health and mental powers. But over-slimming, beyond being useless, can be dangerous."

"There are certain society women today who have reached this point. They may look very elegant, but they have left themselves with no vigour and no brains."

### Causes of fatness

WHAT CAUSES fatness in Britain today, when to a well-rationalized layman a certain degree of thinness would have seemed more logical?

"Today's diet is unbalanced," suggested one doctor. "The ordinary housewife has to take what is obtainable in the shops. The calorie value of what she gets may alter from week to week."

So it would seem that the busy little carbohydrates set in motion by Mr. Strachey are being combated by an equally busy chemical set free by his colleague Mr. Bevan.

J. P.

(—London Express Service)

## TIM Man Gives Up Telephones After 39 Years

THE man who introduced TIM, the talking clock and transfer charge calls to London, has retired after 39 years' work on telephones. He is Mr. Walter Clark Griffith (no final "s," I'm a singular man), who was controller of London's telephones.

He was 21 when he joined the National Telephone Company in 1910, and transferred to the GPO two years later when the Government took over.

Born in New Zealand he came to England when he was about three, went to school at Canterbury, and was at London University.



MR. GRIFFITH.  
 He introduced the talking clock and transfer charge calls.

"The transfer charge system was welcomed, but it was a 'boomerang' for me," he said today. "My children would ring me from many places, and I had to pay the bill."

Mr. Griffith went to America to study the telephone system there and saw the "talking clock."

He was among the pioneers of the transatlantic telephone service, and many test calls were put through to his home in Warrington, Surrey.

"Once a bell rang and I thought it was a friend telephoning. When I picked up the receiver the man at the other end said he was the radio officer of a ship off Sumatra." It was another test call for Mr. Griffith.

## One Sweet Can Spoil It All!

A WOMAN who walks a mile, as part of a slimming campaign, will replace the weight she loses if she eats one chocolate.

This was said by Dr. Arnold Bender, dietician, at a meeting in London of the Dietetics' Advisory Council.

He gave details of the energy used in various sports and work.

Gardening.—Four hundred calories are expended during a long afternoon's gardening. This is the number used by an earman in the University Boat Race.

Tennis.—A particularly long set—1,200 calories.

Football match.—Possibly 1,500.

100 yards sprint.—30.

Olympic marathon.—2,500.

Channel swim.—10,000.

What matters is, the time taken in expending calories, said Dr. Bender.

### Minor's needs

Food must be eaten during a long expenditure of energy to replace calories lost. A good meal can replace 1,000 calories.

Protein requirements depend on the size of the body, and not on the work done.

Thus an 11-stone coal-miner requires no more proteins than a trade union leader of the same weight, and requires less than a 13-stone bus conductor.



1933 FLASHBACK.  
 Jane Cain, the girl who first made TIM, the talking clock, famous.

Another incident he recalls was when King George V telephoned the Prince of Wales, in Sandringham. Mr. Griffith went to Buckingham Palace to supervise the call.

He was also associated with the introduction of "on demand" system for long distance telephone calls. "At one time it took anything from 30 minutes to an hour, and sometimes more, to call, say Newcastle, from London," he said.

Early next month Mr. and Mrs. Griffith leave for a holiday in New Zealand, and will go to Australia to see a married son. With them will be their other children, a 30-year-old son, and a daughter, 26.

(—London Express Service)

## C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. EVEN the police admitted recently that it is no longer safe for women to travel alone at night in New York's underground.

Nor is it safe for men. Gangs of hoodlums and petty thieves have left the brightly lit streets and literally gone underground. They ride the all-night trains.

Some just attack passengers for fun because they do not like their looks.

More often they knock down passengers and rob them, or steal bags or pick-pockets. Still more often they molest women.

New Yorkers were shocked today to read the police figures. In a normal year there are 1,500 arrests on the subway. But in the first eight

months of this year there have been 10,912 arrests.

The police estimated that for every arrest at least five get away with their crimes.

"Reign of Terror in the Subway," screamed one New York paper, calling for more underground police.

ROMANCE TALK: Margaret Truman, the President's snappy daughter, and Frank Handy, a young Michigan newsmen.

DOCTORS have begun to try to stop the stampede for America's new "cold cure" tablets. Doctor Richard Kern, an expert on the drugs from which the tablets are derived, said that wholesale use of them may be dangerous.

"They have a depressing, hypnotic effect," he said, "and

indiscriminate use of them could be responsible for serious accidents." And he insisted they do not cure a cold, but merely remove some of the cold's symptoms.

IN CHICAGO 74-year-old Joseph Weil is known as the king of the confidence tricksters. Four years ago he wrote a book about his feats in fleecing the American public.

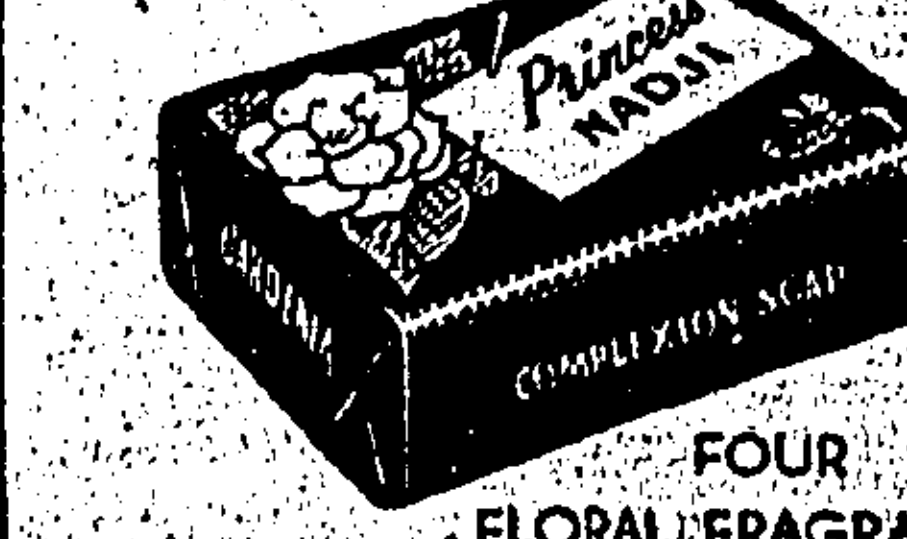
He disclosed that he had served 41 prison terms, that he had bilked a banker out of £100,000 in a stock deal, that his total earnings from his wife was between £3,000,000 and £4,000,000. "Well recently went to jail for the 42nd time. Police accused him of swindling nuns. The sum involved was £21."

## NANCY No Wallflower



By Ernie Bushmiller

## SOAP THAT SPELLS BEAUTY



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## The Twins Liked London



These American twins, Irene and Madeleine Spencer, recently flew back to London (Maine) from London Airport, after two years in Saudi Arabia with an American oil company. Like most visitors to London, they thought the policemen were wonderful; they also liked the Crown Jewels and London's taxi-drivers. — London Express Service.

## PI Storm Believed Weakening

## One Man Killed By Falling Tree

Manila, Dec. 6.—The tropical storm which swept across Northern Mindanao and the Visayan Islands in the past two days caused at least one death but apparently did only minor damage, according to reports received at National Red Cross headquarters so far. One man was killed in Bohol by a falling tree.

A Red Cross spokesman said the storm damaged roads because of its heavy winds, but there was no indication so far of any considerable destruction of property.

The storm started as a typhoon with 85-mph winds at the centre, but gradually weakened, and since Monday has had only 55-mph winds at the centre.

In Surigao, it caused slight damage to homes. Cebu and Iloilo also were hit, but no heavy damage was reported. Negros Island, which comprises two provinces, was also believed hit, but no reports have yet been received from Red Cross personnel there.

The Weather Bureau said that at 2 a.m. today the storm was centred 65 miles west-northwest of Cuyo, which lies between the islands of Panay and Palawan.

It had 55-mph winds at the centre, but was expected gradually to decline in intensity and continue moving west-northwest at 11 mph. At 2 p.m. today it is expected to be centred 230 miles west-northwest of Cuyo and at 2 a.m. Wednesday 265 miles northwest of Puerto Princess, capital of Palawan province.—United Press.

## TERRORISTS REPULSED

Asmara, Dec. 5.—A British military escort killed one assailant and wounded another when Shifa-Ethiopian armed terrorists attacked a train near Massawa over the weekend. Five men opened fire on the passenger train 10 miles from Massawa on Saturday. The British escort returned the fire. There were no casualties among the escort.

Delegates of the Italian population of Eritrea have submitted to the Chief Administrator new security plans because of what they called "the failure of the authorities" to give adequate protection to them.

The Chief Administrator said that the problem was political, he promised to study the delegates' proposals and said that new security steps were being taken but he refused to say what they were.

Local Italian newspapers today bitterly attacked the Administration.

## Creation Of New Union International Delayed

## LAST-MINUTE DIFFERENCES AMONG DELEGATES

London, Dec. 5.—The Free World Labour Conference, meeting here, ended its seven-day session today without having taken the expected formal decision to create a new trade union international.

The new organisation will not come into existence until next Wednesday because of several differences of opinion at today's session.

During a discussion of the proposed Constitution for the new international, Signor Giulio Pastore, of the Free General Confederation of Italian Labour, sought to have a clause inserted to ensure maximum facilities for the emigration of workers from over-populated countries.

Mr. J. H. Oldenbrook, of Holland, speaking for the Preparatory Committee, said that such a large issue should have been raised earlier. The Italian proposal was lost by 21 votes to 52. Among those voting for Signor Pastore's amendment were the members of the French Christian Trade Workers' Union and the representatives of the American Congress of Industrial Organizations, headed by Mr. Walter Reuther.

Several delegations wanted to amend the composition of the Executive Board provided by the new Constitution.

The Lebanese delegation wanted the Near Eastern countries should be represented. The Mauritius delegation wanted two seats instead of one for Africa, and the Italians proposed five seats instead of four for Europe.

Mr. Oldenbrook said that bigger representation could be given when affiliated organisations increased their membership strength.

None of the compositions had been voted on, nor had the draft Constitution been accepted when the Conference adjourned tonight. The discussion of the Constitution and the voting will now take place early on Wednesday, immediately before the opening of the first Congress of the new international.

**CHRISTIAN UNIONS**  
During today's discussion it was announced by the Chairman that the Credentials Committee had requested the admission to the Conference of a representative of the Belgian Christian Trade Union, representing 550,000 members.

This was the first indication that any of the excluded Christian unions had decided to attend the Conference following the belated invitations approved by the Conference last week.

More than 150 amendments have been proposed to the draft Constitution. The agreed document provides:

The new international shall be called the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

There shall be a Congress meeting every two years. The new international shall be composed of delegates of affiliated national centres and individual trade unions.

These Congresses shall seek to secure the widest possible measures of agreement, rather than decisions by a simple majority. Between Congresses a General Council which shall be elected from all affiliated organisations on a membership basis, will deal with the business of the international.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Congress will elect an Executive Board of 15 members, Europe and North America each nominating four, Asia and the Middle East nominating three, Britain and Latin America each nominating two and Africa, Australia and New Zealand and the West Indies each nominating one.

The Executive Board will meet at least twice a year and shall elect from among its members a sub-committee of seven to be consulted when urgent or important questions must be dealt with between its meetings.

The Constitution provides for the establishment of special regional machinery on a continental or other suitable basis. Affiliation fees to the Confederation will be £3 annually for 1,000 members for organisations with up to 5,000,000 members and £2 for 1,000 members for additional membership over 5,000,000.

The President of the Confederation and seven Vice-Presidents will be elected by the Executive Board and the General Secretary will be elected by the Congress.—Reuter.

## Mrs Stewart Flies To Spore

London, Dec. 5.—Mrs Duncan Stewart, wife of the Governor of Sarawak, left by plane today for Singapore to help minister to her husband, who was stricken at Sibul, Sarawak, on Saturday.

"I believe my husband is a little better and unless complications set in he should be all right. But I really don't know very much more about it than you do," Mrs Stewart told reporters.

The King sent this telegram to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South-east Asia today:

"I am shocked to hear of the dastardly attack made on the Governor of Sarawak at Sibul. Please convey my sincere sympathy to Mr Stewart and express my hope that he may soon make a complete recovery from the wounds which he has sustained."

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, also asked Mr. MacDonald to express his sympathy and concern to Mr. Stewart.—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'd get along fine at this school if it wasn't for the profs trying to show us up by asking questions in class!"

## In The Running For Atom Job



These three men are among President Truman's possible choices for a successor to Mr. David E. Lilienthal as chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Left to right, they are: Mr. Robert Oppenheimer, wartime director of the Los Alamos (New Mexico) laboratory which perfected the atomic bomb; Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administration; and Mr. Chester I. Barnard, president of the Rockefeller Foundation. (AP Picture.)

## Pandit Nehru On Industrial Revolution In Asia

New Delhi, Dec. 5.—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, said today that Communism in Asia was one phase of the "extension of industrial revolution to the East at a peculiar moment of world crisis."

Pandit Nehru told a Press conference that Asia was passing through a severe stage of transition from agricultural to industrial economy, with democracy functioning on various planes.

Even in China, although the leaders were undoubtedly Communist, what was being done was "very far from Communism."

China, Pandit Nehru said, had a mixed economy under Communist control. He defined the mixed economy as a continuance of the old economy, with state control making increasing inroads.

Asked when India would recognize China, Pandit Nehru replied that no date could be given but it "could not be very long."

He said he had been invited by President Soekarno to visit Indonesia at the end of this month, but that he was unable to go. He hoped to go some time next year.

Pandit Nehru said he knew nothing about the South East Asia defence conference which the Burmese Foreign Minister, U. Nu, said in London might be held in February.

Asked if Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Minister, had been invited to attend the inauguration of the Indian Republic on January 26, Pandit Nehru replied that no previous invitations had been issued, but that if Mr. Bevin could come, he would be welcomed.—Associated Press.

## GIRL MYSTERY: NO VERDICT

London, December 5.—A government investigator today wound up an inconclusive hearing on the disappearance of a pretty 20-year-old Gwendolyn McCullum from the liner *Oreades* on October 30.

Mr. David Thomson, who conducted the investigation for the Ministry of Transport, said that he was unable, for lack of evidence, to endorse the entry in the *Oreades* log of "presumed death by disappearance".

The girl vanished from the ship on a trip from Sydney to Melbourne. Australian police have reached a tentative conclusion of suicide. The girl's mother and fiancé had recently died.

The hearing here was required by law because the *Oreades* is a British vessel.—Associated Press.

## PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

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## Uranium Mine Disaster

## 3,700 Now Said To Have Been Killed

Frankfurt, Dec. 5.—The *Lueneburger Landeszeitung* declared today that 3,700 persons died in a uranium mine fire in the Soviet occupation zone on November 24. This is the highest figure yet published the previous high being 2,000. The Russians say only one man perished.

The *Landeszeitung* said the new estimate was given by a Soviet zone fire chief who flew to West Germany. The British *Licensed Berlin Telegraph* last week said the dead numbered several hundred, then boosted the total to 2,000.

The *Lueneburger* newspaper said the fire chief fled to Fallersleben in the British zone on Sunday rather than obey orders to take a job as a frequentist at the Johann Georgstadt mine.

It said he showed his identity papers, but asked that his name not be made public because his family still is in the Soviet zone.

The chief said his fire brigade was one among those called to the mine from Western Saxony. He said he learned that 4,000 workers were underground when an explosion started the fire, and that only 300 escaped.—Associated Press.

## DUNKIRK NOVEL WINS PRIZE

Paris, Dec. 5.—The Goncourt Prize, the most coveted French literary prize for novelists, was today awarded to a novel about the 1940 Dunkirk evacuation by Robert Merle, a French liaison officer with the British Army who was captured at Dunkirk. The novel is called "Week-End At Zuydcoote".

Runner-up for the Goncourt Prize was Louis Guilloux with "The Dams of Patience". He was, in accordance with tradition, awarded the Theophrastus Renaudot Prize, shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

## SUCCESSFUL NEW CYCLOTRON

London, Dec. 5.—Britain's new style cyclotron, called "Cyclotron for atomic energy research has been operated successfully in its first full trial, the Ministry of Supply announced today. The new machine has been under construction at the Harwell research station for three years and is the largest in Europe.—United Press.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.  
6.00, "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6.30, "It's Swing Time"—Super-Hymnary; 6.50, "Cantoneses by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and Mr. B. C. Lee. (Lesson No. 23) (Radio from 7.00); 7.00, "World News and News Analysis"; (London Relay); 7.15, "A Selection of Music"—Given by Michael Kelly; 7.30, "The Blue Danube"—The Blue Danube; 7.45, "The Story of the Stripes Family and Their Contemporaries" (Ep. 31); 8.00, "Twenty Questions"—Question Master Douglas Gail. (Radio from 8.15); 8.15, "Not So Popular Opera"; 8.45, "Atredo and His Orchestra"; 9.00, "Radio Musical"; (London Relay); 9.15, "Weather Report"; 9.30, "London Studio Melodica"—London Light Concert Orchestra. Conducted by Michael Kelly. (BBC relay); 10.00, "Dances to Felix King (Plans)"; and His Orchestra. 11.15, "Weather Report"; 11.30, "Home News from Britain" (London Relay Recorded); 11.45, "God Save the King"; 11.50, Close. Done.

## Farmer Killed On Frontier

Hamburg, Dec. 5.—An 80-year-old German farmer was shot dead by East zone guards on the British-Soviet frontier. He was in the corner of one of his own fields, across which the boundary cuts to a depth only sufficient to take his body. Reporting the incident, the British Frontier Control Inspector added: "The Russians later refused to allow him to be buried in the British zone. This is only one of many barbaric incidents and it is felt that more publicity should be given, not only in Germany but throughout the world, to such conduct."—Associated Press.

## Burma To Give Recognition

Rangoon, Dec. 5.—Burma's Foreign Minister, Mr. Maung, said today Burma will recognize Communist China by Christmas. Mr. Maung told reporters that decision means automatic breaking-off of diplomatic relations with the Kuomintang (Nationalist) government. He said Burma's first Ambassador to Communist China will be Mr. Myint Tsein, this country's representative to the Nationalists who was recalled last month for consultations here. Mr. Maung returned to Rangoon on Sunday from London, where he discussed the question of recognition of Communist China with the British Government.—Associated Press.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ADVERTISING

Advertisers who have reserved special space during December and January are requested to submit copy well in advance.

In cases where the S.C.M.P. Art Department is supplying illustrations and blocks, particulars of requirements should be submitted immediately.



# DENIS COMPTON GOES TO CRICKET SCHOOL

## Lessons On How To Bowl An Unplayable Googly

BY PETER DITTON

To be told that Denis Compton is to receive cricket lessons is like learning that Professor Einstein is to be taught how to add and subtract. It certainly takes some believing. But nevertheless the fact remains that in the next couple of weeks Denis will arrive at Alf Gover's cricket school in South London and will receive lessons on how to bowl.

The ex-Surrey and England speed merchant, Alf Gover, who runs the school in conjunction with his partner, Andrew Sandham, also ex-Surrey and England, will personally supervise Denis's lessons. Compton bowls left-handed and between them they will seek to perfect an unplayable left arm googly.

Already several famous county cricketers have arrived at Gover's school for coaching lessons to keep in trim until the next season opens. Among them are Leslie Compton, Middlesex wicket-keeper, and Sid Brown, the opening batsman. Life is pretty crowded these days for Leslie who is also full time training for the Arsenal, for whom he plays regularly at centre-half.

### TWO "PROSPECTS"

Among the best "prospects" at Gover's school are two fast bowlers, both of whom will probably play for their counties against the West Indians next summer. They are Don Bennett of Middlesex and Kenneth Preston of Essex. Both are fast right hand bowlers and Gover has high hopes of their chances.

Preston was particularly unlucky not to get a chance against the New Zealand team last summer. He had played for Essex during the 1947 season on a number of occasions with more than the usual measure of success and he had only to produce his county form in the early matches of 1948 to warrant a Test trial.

Unfortunately for Preston, Essex and England, he broke his leg playing football a few days before the cricket season opened and was kept out of the game for nearly the whole of the summer.

This year Gover has made Preston promise to give up his football and he is concentrating on becoming an England fast bowler. He is well built and has the necessary stamina to stand up to the five-day Tests, which will be played next summer. Who knows, he may be the answer to England's prayers.

### PUPILS ENOUGH

Players will continue to arrive at Gover's school from all parts of the country until the next cricket season opens. Leslie Jackson of Derbyshire who played last year for England against the New Zealanders has already had several "sessions" at the nets and will be coming back for more early in the new year.

Somerset have sent two of their younger batsmen, E. Hill and F. Angell, and also an off-spin bowler, J. Redman.

The two Hampshire pace merchants, Carly and Shackleton, have also been in attendance as well as the Essex reserve wicket-keeper, Bryan Taylor, and the young Middlesex professional, Fred Titmus, who made his debut in the county cricket last year against Somerset when he was only sixteen years of age.

There is never a dull moment at Gover's school. He has been kept so busy in recent months, that he has secured the services of John McMahon of Surrey and Jim Workman, who opened the batting for Australia in the 1945 "Victory" Tests, as additional coaches.

(London Express Service)

### SHEFFIELD SHIELD

## Record First Wicket Stand

Adelaide, Dec. 5.—Centuries by C. McDonald (186) and Ken Meuleman (150) put Victoria in a winning position on the third day of their Sheffield Shield match against South Australia.

Victoria, who gained a first innings lead of 80 on Saturday, made 442 for five wickets by the close of play today. The match ends tomorrow.

McDonald and Meuleman figured in a first wicket partnership of 337, which is a record for Victoria against South Australia. Meuleman scored his 150 in four and three-quarter hours without giving a chance. He hit 10 fours and one six.

After taking 53 minutes to reach double figures, McDonald opened out and his rate of scoring left Meuleman standing after they had reached their centuries. His innings of 186 occupied four and a half hours during which he hit 20 fours and one six.

All the South Australian bowlers were severely punished and the batsmen scored at a fast rate during their partnership.—Reuter.

## Second Division League Cricket Averages

### BATTING:

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
D. Langston-Jones (KCC)	5	1	148	102	37.00
S. E. M. Bux (IRC)	7	2	139	92	34.75
B. Dhabher (KGVs)	7	2	109	58	29.00
V. C. Bond (KCC)	6	1	134	47	28.80
A. T. Lee (KCC)	6	1	128	57	21.33
A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	1	111	40	18.50
Eric Hill (University)	7	1	123	41	17.57

\*Not Out. Qualification: 100 runs.

### BOWLING:

	Over	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
O. J. Dunne (KGVs)	30.2	10	55	23	2.82
A. T. Lee (KCC)	74	23	118	22	5.38
Owen (Commandos)	50.5	11	120	24	5.37
J. Hurst (RAF)	44.5	11	103	19	5.42
Dowling (Commandos)	23	6	57	10	5.70
G. Vale (R. Navy)	51	15	110	19	5.78
A. D. Ebrahim (IRC)	83.3	20	150	21	7.14
Y. Mollwala (IRC)	74	20	107	23	7.20
A. R. Omond (Recreio)	30.5	2	64	11	7.63
M. Salter (KGVs)	49.5	15	123	17	7.76
D. G. White (KCC)	40.5	11	110	14	7.85
F. D. Bottomley (KGVs)	42.1	9	115	14	8.21
D. E. Remedios (Recreio)	44.5	7	142	14	10.14
Eric Hill (University)	42.2	12	106	10	10.60
C. Gutierrez (Recreio)	56	15	141	13	10.84
D. Davenport (RAF)	43	13	110	10	11.00
P. Hards (Dockyard)	43.2	11	140	13	11.23
G. Elliott (University)	50.4	6	169	15	11.26
B. K. Poh (University)	51.5	7	155	12	12.91

Qualification: 10 wickets.

## Blind Men's Cricket

Sydney, Dec. 5.—Five totally blind and six partially blind men will travel to Hobart, Tasmania, in January to play in a blind cricketers' carnival.

Belonging to the Royal Sydney Blind Institute cricket team, they play cricket with a cane ball and have bells on the balls. When a man bowls, a bell on the balls rings and he knows in what direction to run.

"Blind cricket is no hit or miss business—we have it down to a fine art," said 20-year-old team member Vic Henderson. Totally blind since an accident when he was seven years old, he is a keen batsman and fielder.

Totally blind Charlie Stanton is the chairman of the cricket club and has led it for 20 years. The team's best batsman and fielder is 38-year-old Roy Holborn, who is partially blind. In matches the partially blind men help the totally blind.—United Press.

## Aussies Held To A Draw

Cape Town, Dec. 5.—The match between the Australian touring cricketers and Western Province ended here today in a draw.

The Australians declared their second innings closed at 216 for six, and Western Province were 122 for six at the close of play.—Reuter.

### BILL JOHNSTON BETTER

Cape Town, Dec. 5.—Bill Johnston, Australian left-arm, fast medium bowler, who was injured in a car crash in October, had his first light practice in the nets today after a thorough medical check-up.

Bowling at restrained speed to Keith Miller, he showed no ill effects, and it is possible that he will be fit for the first Test against South Africa which starts in Johannesburg on December 24.

Miller, who arrived on Friday to reinforce the Australian touring team, batted for 20 minutes and hit with great power.—Reuter.

## Brisk Business At Newmarket

London, Dec. 5.—The aggregate on the opening day of the Newmarket bloodstock sales, which last five days, far exceeded that of the first day of the corresponding sales last year.

Today's aggregate was 111,030 guineas for 164 lots compared with last year's sum of 78,970 guineas for 142 lots. Including 13 private sales, today's average price was 674 guineas.

The top price of the day was 10,500 guineas paid by Major L. B. Holliday for Palma Rosa, an eight-year-old mare by an eight-year-old mare, covered by Djebel, the French winner of the English Two Thousand Guineas.

Palma Rosa was one of five of M. Marcel Bousquet's mares which were sold for 25,300 guineas.—Reuter.

## THE CANUCKETTES



The Canadian Girls' softball team who caused the biggest upset of the season when they defeated the Wahos 11-9 three Sundays ago. However, they went down 10-3 to their old rivals, the Wildcats, last Sunday.

Back row: Maudie Fong, Alice Mar (Manager), Mary Ng, Jean Lee, Connie Lai and Rosina Lucy. Front row: Monica Chinfen, Mignon Yin, Allene Chinfen, Avarita Choy and Katherine Slew.

## RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL

# Will Oxford Run Away With Varsity Match?

By PETER LOVEGROVE

On current form and this term's results, the 68th Inter-Varsity rugby match which takes place on Tuesday, December 6, at Twickenham has already been won—by Oxford. Or so the experts think.

The Dark Blues, like their great predecessors of 1946 and 1948, have established themselves as a dangerous scoring machine with splendid all-round cohesion and such excellent defensive covering that their line has only twice been crossed in nine matches. Their victims to date have been Richmond, Blackheath, Harlequins, the United Services (Portsmouth), Leicester, Trinity College (Dublin), Oxford University Greyhounds and a very strong composite side in the traditional fixture with Major R. V. Stanley's XV. Only once have they been checked—at Cardiff, where they played a pointless draw, and they have scored 144 points.

Cambridge, on the other hand, have for a long time been an unconvincing combination. Their best performance was when they took Coventry's unbeaten record, but the Midlands were handicapped at the crucial moment by injuries. They have also been held Cardiff to a draw, and beaten Guy's and St. Mary's 14-0, the Cambridge LX Club, Old Leylands and a much weakened Northampton XV.

They have gone down to Bedford, London Scottish, M. R. Steele-Bodger's XV and Leicester (whom Oxford trounced 22-0). They have lacked man and decision outside the scrum, and their centres in particular have seemed slow in comparison with Oxford's exceptional thrust and speed.

Anything can happen. Good judges consider there is 15 to 20 points difference between the two sides, I wonder. Anything can happen in a Varsity match. Form has gone by the board before now on the great day. It has the magical effect of getting even the most ordinary performers to play well above themselves, and they do not think we have yet seen the best out of the Light Blues.

The position before the kick-off is in many respects similar to last year's. Then too Oxford were strong favourites, and justified all that had been said about them by running up 11 points before the interval. But Cambridge put in one of the best half-centuries in the history of the game, and in the second half, and fought back to 8-11. Oxford, defending desperately, survived almost miraculously, and made the last-minute defence by a scrum and a line-out, and the match was a very close call, and the losers gained as much honour as the winners.

Oxford are fortunate in having seven of the key men of that splendid 1948 side still in their ranks: three forwards, skipper, scrum-half and half-back. Niall Vincent (second row, and line-out specialist), A. J. Van Rynveld (wing), and J. McG. Kendall-Carpenter (front-row), and four outsiders, C. B. Van Rynveld, L. B. Cannell, M. B. Meade and R. Green, an unselfish and persistent scrum-half. Kendall-Carpenter, C. B.

Van Rynveld and Cannell all played for England last year, the latter pair proving themselves about the best centres in Britain. Vincent, Hofmeyr and the two Van Rynvelts are, of course, South Africans, and the Dark Blues are again well weighted with Dominion players. They had six in 1948 and five in 1947, and last year this time they are even richer.

Newcomers to the scrum are two more South Africans, hooker W. J. H. H. and H. D. Small, a wing-forward of exceptional merit, and at right-wing three-quarter is 26-year-old I. J. Botling, an All Black from Otago, who was a member of the New Zealand Services' side which toured Britain at the end of the war.

Hofmeyr, by the way, was last year's fly-half, but has now come to full-back. C. B. Van Rynveld has moved up to half, and this has enabled Brian Boobbyer to come in at centre three-quarter, where the old Uppingham and Rosslyn Park man has been an instant and outstanding success. What, in the face of this galaxy of talent, of the much-criticised Light Blues? They have six Old Blues; two forwards, hooker R. V. Thompson, second-row man A. M. Jones who has built up an excellent reputation in the line-out; the two halves, Glyn Davies and skipper Arthur Dwyer, and three-quarters John Smith, who has moved up to half, and England trials, and Laurie Glog.

The pack has been strengthened by the inclusion of R.C.C. Thomps, who has already been capped by Wales, and it has generally given a good account of itself but is apt to fade out in the second half—whereas the Oxford scrummers are great finishers.

Most people are agreed that if Cambridge are to win this year, it will be from half-back. Dwyer is a plucky and resourceful, scrum-half and Welsh International Glyn Davies (who, incidentally, helped the Celtic League to win the Army Cup two years ago) is on his day the most brilliant player in British rugby. He is a fine half-back, and surprising speed off the mark. He scored one try in this match last year, side-stepping past player after player, which will always remain in my memory.

They also have a model of accuracy at full-back in Welsh Triallist J. C. Davies. The most disappointing feature of the side so far have been the three-quarters. They have long persisted with the line of attack, which required a perfect understanding to be a success, which it has not been. Consequently they have been crowded each other and leaving gaps in defence which the speedy Dark Blues would exploit to the full. The four-quarters have not helped either. John Smith dislocated his shoulder in the first match of the season, and has only just returned to the side. He should make a great difference.

## Ringside

# FAMECHON AFTER TWO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By GEORGE WHITING

Ray Famechon, of France, having retained his European Featherweight title here by brilliantly out-pointing the British champion, Ronnie Clayton, is to talk immediate terms for fights with two world champions—Manuel Ortiz, in Paris, Willie Pep in New York.

Clayton, having lost after giving of his fastest and best over 15 swift rounds, stays home.

Ronnie need have no regrets. No other British featherweight could come within streets of the form he showed against the square-shouldered spring-heeled Famechon.

Here indeed was boxing according to Cocker. They gave us speed, footwork, ringcraft, variety of punches, freedom from doubtful dodges—everything, in fact, save the thunderbolt punch. Shoulders, heads, elbows, palms, and other assault weapons, used all too frequently these days, had no part in this fight.

### MODEL FIGHT

Ron and Ray went to work with their fists, scorned to clinch, and obeyed instantly the instructions of the Dutch referee, Berent Bergstrom, whom we last saw here as trainer to his country's team in the Olympic Games. Just the sort of scrap in fact, that schoolboy boxers should be taken to see. For a while Clayton aroused our hopes by the speed with which he moved away from Famechon's famous left hand. Unfortunately he was much less successful when the Frenchman, remembering Ronnie's weaknesses in two previous bouts, brought his right into play with a series of brilliantly timed hooks.

Used sparingly, but with great effect, Famechon's split second light to the head not only put the points—them only (it will) high impossible for Clayton to close in for his favourite position for body punching.

The 15 rounds fairly stizzled Clayton—but it was Famechon who sprang in the home stretch. Clayton gave not one inch, but he just could not keep up the pace when a little more steam would have made all the difference.

### KIDNEY COLD

I wanted more snapp in the last five rounds but it had to wait. Clayton told me afterwards. In the true spirit of the fight itself, Ronnie made

no mention of the fact that he had to visit a doctor early in the week.

It seems he discarded a thick pair of trunks during training and caught a cold in the kidneys. Not even his manager knew about it.

Famechon has now out-pointed Clayton three times in three weeks. If he only had a punch, this fleet French featherweight would be among the immortals. Canadian, heavyweight, Earl Wills gave us his usual display of first-round fireworks. Albert Coulibaly a coal-black Frenchman was down five times in a couple of minutes. Jack Solomons, who has Wills on view at the Albert Hall on December 13 must really find somebody with a solid chin for this coming young Canadian to smack out.

(London Express Service)

## Arsenal Back In The Headlines

By ARCHIE QUICK

Sing a song of Arsenal! The old Glamazon Boys of Highbury are right back hitting the headlines, and it must be placed on record that they are doing it with the much-deerled team with which they started the season so badly.

Their current run of success is a triumph for the foresight of Manager Tom Whittaker who refused to be panicked into buying highly-priced players but relied on the tried and true staff that he had.

Arsenal started off the 1949-50 season with three home defeats and an away loss in their first five matches. Everybody sniffed, except those who purred. Arsenal were has-beens; Arsenal players had all got old together. That was the consensus of opinion.

But a little astute positional juggling by Mr. Whittaker, and Arsenal are now living a pleasant third with 23 points, from a run of 11 games defeat; only four points behind the unbeaten leaders, Liverpool.

Who are the real stalwarts who have brought about this happy position? Chiefly it is the Elder Statesmen of Soccer—Joe Mercer, Leslie Compton, Archie Macaulay and Walley Barnes. There are nearly 150 years of wisdom among that lot. And it must be said that when they played Fulham at Highbury Stadium and won a tough battle by 2-1 in the closing minutes, Fulham's standing stars were old hands like Joe Bowers and Pat Beasley, both on the verge of retirement.

Why should this be? Simply because their heads save their legs, and they let the ball do the work. No aimless running about for these canny players.

But while paying tribute to them, must not overlook the team that Leslie Smith, who is Laurie Scott's deputy at full back for Arsenal, is already in the near-Hopgood class, and looks booked for a "cup" one day, while little Jimmy Logie, who has made Alex James every day.

I must retract a lot of what I have said about Fulham. They have certainly made Division One standard, but only because of a cast-iron defence. Their forwards are a disjointed lot who are not making the grade, and the big need is to obviously, an experienced side-forward, to hold the line steady.

Personally, I would move Lesley up and bring in that grand half-back, Lawler, who has not yet made a first team appearance, since Fulham's manager, Frank Osborne, says he is going to be one of the great players of his generation.

### World's Biggest

London, Dec. 5.—Russia came to today with a claim to another "world's biggest"—a chess tournament with 300,000 players. Moscow Radio said that number of participants was expected to compete in the annual all-Russian tournament, of college farm chaps and Jews. Only 100,000 took part last year. Associated Press.

## PLAYERS STAY AT MANCHESTER U.

London, Dec. 6.—With soccer stars so frequently clamouring for transfers, it is something unusual to find nine first-rank players of one club completing in the same season a five years' period of unbroken service to their club.

At the end of the season, nine of Manchester United's players will complete their five-year terms, and the club is to reward them for their good play and loyalty by paying them the maximum permissible benefit of £750.

The club therefore, subject to the approval of the Football League, will pay out £6,750 in benefit money—a record for one season.

This is a tribute to the team spirit and loyalty which last season earned the club their record profit of £50,810. While permitting the payment of £750 to a player after five years' service with a club, the Football League does not make this benefit compulsory, and there have been complaints by players in the past that their clubs did not allow them the full permissible benefit.

With so much dissatisfaction rife among football professionals of recent years, Manchester United's stars remained happy with their club. This latest action of the club seems certain to confirm their strong loyalty.—Reuter.

### FRENCH TEAM

Paris, Dec. 5.—The French Football Federation's national selectors tonight chose 14 players to travel to Florence for the third and last World Cup game against Yugoslavia next Sunday.

The match will decide which team will go to Rio de Janeiro for the final next June.

The final selection of the team, which leaves by the train on the first day of the three-day match in the £1,200 Town of the World—smoker tournament.

Brown receives six points in each frame of the match, which is being played at the Leicester Square Hall, London.

The scores (Brown first round) 41 to 78, 88 to 88, 87 to 88, 71 to 81, and should be not be to 80, 97 to 44, 74 to 82, at 10 on Thursday he will be re-

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# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Some Good Bidding Brings Home Bacon

Ray			
♠ J54	♥ A97	♦ Q87	♣ 10432
♠ K10	♥ KQ8	♦ K10	♣ 568
♠ 1032	♥ 10	♦ 7	♣ 1098
♠ 7	♥ 1098	♦ 1098	♣ 7
Dealer			
♠ AKQ9	♥ J8	♦ KJ104	♣ 10
♠ J8	♥ KJ104	♦ 10	♣ 10
Tournament—Neither vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6NT	Pass
Opening—V-2			

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

AN interesting point in bidding was brought out in today's hand by Oswald J. Ray of New York City. You may look twice when you see that Ray in the North position bid two clubs. He gives the following explanation.

Over one spade North has a good three no trump bid, and if South wants to bid more spades, North then can take him to a slam in spades. But the one weakness in this hand for a slam is no trump is the club suit. If your partner has nothing in clubs, the opponents will open a club and knock out your only stopper. It costs nothing to bid two clubs and it may work, as it did in this hand. Instead of opening a club, East led the deuce of hearts.

The eight of hearts was played from dummy. West played the nine and declared with the trick with the queen. Now he cashed four rounds of diamonds. West made a little mistake. He threw away the deuce of spades. Ray led the jack of spades. East covered, and dummy's king won. The ace of spades was cashed, and when the ten fell from the West hand, the nine and six were good.

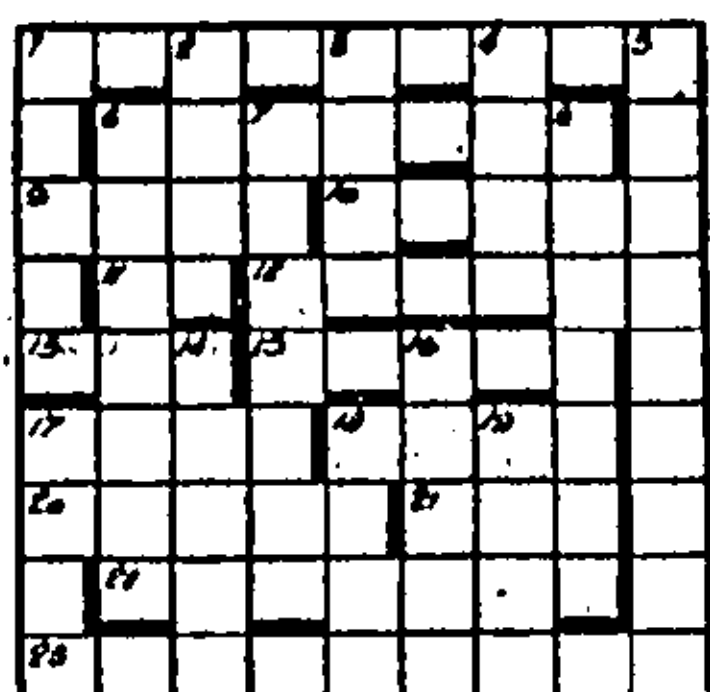
In the meantime West was trying to protect his king of hearts. Ray with the ace and dummy with the king and West had to win with the king. But now he had to lead away from his king-five of hearts, so Ray made six-odd.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Where is Wake Island.
2. What do you mean by "face value"?
3. What is the "draft" of a boat?
4. What is the composite part of gold in "standard gold"?
5. What is metabolism?
6. Name the capital of the Hawaiian Islands.

(Answers in Column 2)

## CROSSWORD

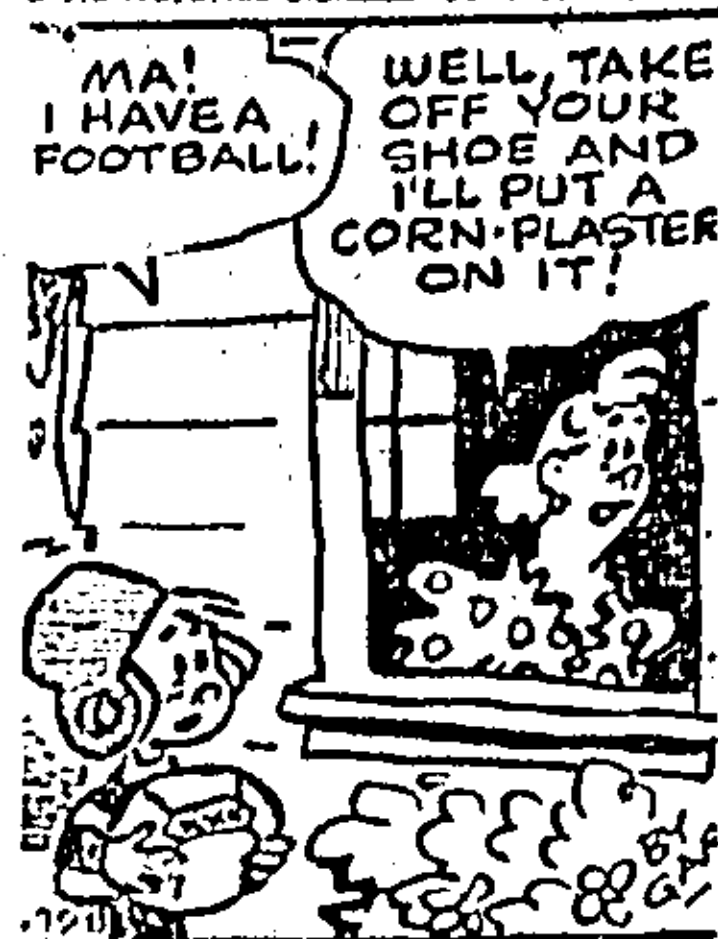


1. Could be the site in sun. (9)
2. Just the sort to try out. (5)
3. Shows what a work soup can be. (4)
4. Out of a nest entanglement. (6)
5. Initial indication of a bounce. (4)
6. One doesn't without leave. (5)
7. Sounds like the seat of tree you expect to find. (4)
8. Wasted time. (6)
9. The kind of wit one seldom sees. (4)
10. He sort of this secret? (4)
11. Looks as though there is trouble to the shape in love. (6)
12. Inexactly it may be said. (8)
13. Words that have nothing to do with ones to give. (6)
14. If it is, it is well worth imitating. (6)

1. Is there a chance of you going rusty when you are given to it? (4)
2. A spread for dipping potatoes. (4)
3. A letter for ship for a pre-natal route. (4)
4. A very small portion. (4)
5. A time a very well measured. (4)
6. Perhaps not what the announcer does, but certainly the broadcaster. (7)
7. Church doorkeeper. (4)
8. What does a cat do to Jack Sprague's attention? (7)
9. She have been pained from. (4)
10. The nation as a whole. (4)
11. What the assistant should do. (4)
12. These are facts. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 1. Scandal. 2. Out. 3. Pump. 4. Answer. 5. Hint. 6. Hint. 7. Hint. 8. Hint. 9. Hint. 10. Hint. 11. Hint. 12. Hint. Down: 1. Hint. 2. Hint. 3. Hint. 4. Hint. 5. Hint. 6. Hint. 7. Hint. 8. Hint. 9. Hint. 10. Hint. 11. Hint. 12. Hint.

## DUMB BELLS



## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. In the Pacific Ocean, midway between Guam and Hawaii.
2. The nominal value marked on the face of a stock.
3. The depth to which it sinks in water.
4. Twenty-two parts of pure gold and two parts of copper alloy.
5. Chemical reactions in living organisms.
6. Honolulu.

## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

### The Canary Sang Beautifully

—Hand Thought He Might Give Lessons—

By MAX TRELL

HAND, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, said to the canary: "You sing so beautifully, Charles, that I think you ought to give singing lessons."

"Well, well, well," chirped Charles. "I never thought of that. Singing lessons? A very good idea. Singing lessons to whom?" he added the next moment.

Hand thought for a moment or two, then she said: "Oh, you could get lots of pupils. The cat, for instance. She—"

But Charles was fluttering wildly about his cage. "No, no—not the cat!"

### Didn't Mean It

"I'm sorry," said Hand. "I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. I forgot that you don't like the—"

Charles began to flutter violently again. "The animal I just mentioned," Hand concluded, thinking it best not to say the word cat once more.

"The frog might like to take singing lessons from you," Hand went on. "They all sing at night long. I mean, they don't exactly sing. They croak. It would be very nice if they learned how to sing the way you do. Chirping frogs would be much pleasanter to hear than croak-frogs."

"Indeed they would," Charles agreed, feeling quite cheerful again. "You say they're down at the pond?"

Hand nodded. "You can usually find most of them under the cat-tails near the stone bridge."

"Cat-tails? Did you say cat-tails?" cried Charles, looking very upset.

Hand thought she ought to explain. "Cat-tails aren't anything like cats. Cat-tails are plants. They grow in the water. They just look like cat's tails."

"That's bad enough! I don't want to have anything to do with ones, or with the frogs either!"

"Well," said Hand, "you could teach the dog. He doesn't care."

## SCIENCE AT WORK

### HEALTH & LIFE SPAN BEING IMPROVED

By PAUL F. ELLIS

MEDICAL men believe if science duplicates its progress in the next 50 years, men may have to find new diseases to plague his health.

Since 1800, man's ailments have been attacked relentlessly, with many being eliminated or checked.

### New Techniques

The big gain, scientists point out, is the development of germ-killing drugs—first the sulfas, then penicillin, streptomycin and numerous others.

The sulfas and penicillin have fairly well taken care of pneumonia, which was one of the big killers. The old-fashioned "strep" throat also succumbed to sulfas, and now tuberculosis, at long last, is being at-

tacked by streptomycin. The drug is the first real chemical weapon to be developed against tuberculosis and the doctors predict there will be even better chemical agents found in the battle.

In addition to the new drugs, medical science has developed germ-killing drugs—first the sulfas, then penicillin, streptomycin and numerous others.

The use of the new drugs has aided the surgeons in that infection has been reduced.

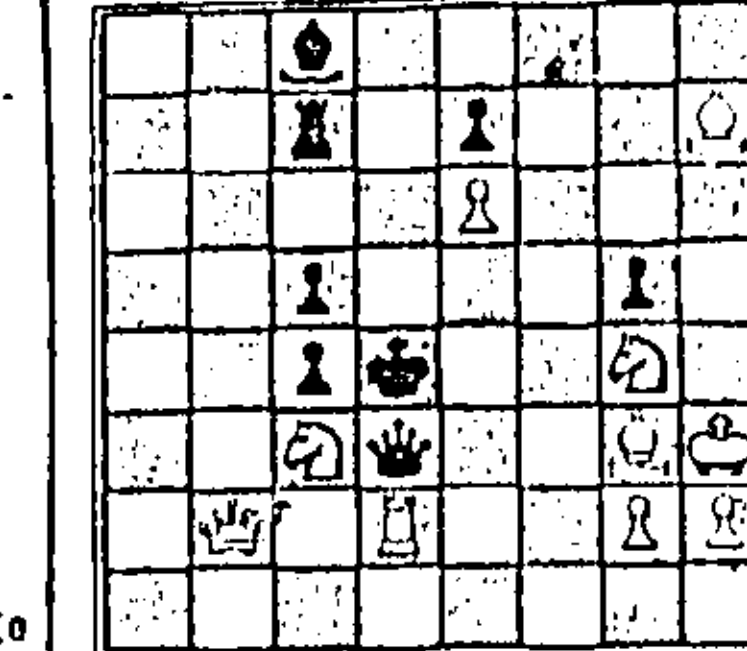
Many "cancer cures" are being reported also through early diagnosis and surgery, which is still the best treatment in cancer, the doctors say.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

### CHess PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-Kt8, any; 2. Q, Kt, or P mates.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

BORN on one of the so-called "unlucky" days of the month, the stars have compensated this by heaping you with talents and potentialities which can help you reach material success.

Many extremes of temperament meet in your character. Cautious in making original decisions, you are adventurous and even spectacular when it comes to developing your ideas. Once you have been "inspired" to do something, nothing can stop you.

Whistling? "Yes, it's a kind of whistling-singing he does."

Hand couldn't imagine whom Charles could mean. "When do you hear him?" she asked.

"In the afternoons, and sometimes in the evenings. Sometimes I hear him in the mornings, too. But it's always just before anybody has tea."

And then suddenly Hand smiled. "Charles! That's the tea-kettle you hear! You can't give singing lessons to a tea-kettle!"

But Charles wouldn't let him change his mind. He couldn't seem to understand that nobody ever gave singing lessons to a tea-kettle.

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## BY THE WAY

### by Beachcomber

A THIRSTY sportsman left his butt on Malham Moor and took shelter behind the ruined lodge, intending to have a quiet and refreshing drink from his flask.

He was astonished to see the enormous retriever with a bottle to his lips, and standing erect on two legs. "This curious animal at once barked in a friendly way. Absentmindedly, the sportsman barked back. Whereat the retriever said, 'Thirsty weather?' Then the sportsman realised that something unusual was afoot. 'You're not a dog at all,' he said. 'Only in business hours,' replied Foulmouth, wagging a ridiculous pair of felt ears.

SPORTING NOTE

NOW that most sportsmen can no longer afford to pay armies of beaters to drive clouds of grouse within range of the butts it is being suggested that 'siege' is the best method of walking-up is too difficult and too much trouble. The latest idea is to trap the grouse, and then bring them in lorries to the butts. There they will be placed on little mounds within easy range of the guns.

### The Dark Horse (XIV)

PSYCHOLOGISTS will be delighted to hear that when William returned from the clock-room dressed normally all his self-confidence had gone. He was his old dull self, and acutely uncomfortable in his new surroundings. The swagman died out of his voice, his bearing became awkward and humble, and when he looked at the lovely Primula his heart hummed the 'Swie' of his office. Sir Edward explained that he had invited him to dinner because he had picked him out for a big future, William blushed. 'You're very quiet tonight,' said Sir Edward. 'You had plenty to say for yourself in my office the other night, sir,' said the unhappy man. 'A good dinner will soon put you right,' said Sir Edward heartily. 'Let's go in.' The moment William rose he missed that loose, snapping shirt which made him feel so capable and vigorous. He followed sheepishly, and took his seat in the famous Assyrian Grill.

(London Express Service)

## Pakistan Mission For Prague

### Frankfurt, Dec. 5.—The

Pakistan trade delegation, which began talks here yesterday with West German trade representatives, is due to go to Prague to negotiate a new trade pact with Czechoslovakia when discussions here end.

A Pakistan spokesman said tonight that the talks with the Germans were expected to last a week.—Reuter.

## FAO Plans Again

### Condemned

Washington, Dec. 5.—Plans for a Consultative International Commodity Committee to consider the movement of agricultural surpluses to needy areas were condemned by several delegations at today's meeting of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation.

The Ceylonese representative declared: "It would appear that we have failed to find a solution and are prepared for another year or more to let the hungry go hungry." The French, Brazilian and Canadian representatives also condemned the proposal as inadequate.

### INDIAN SUPPORT

Mr N.G. Ashgunkar (India) agreed with the recommendation for the establishment of a Commodity Committee. He was convinced that it had "great possibilities, if it were properly used."

No approach to the commodity problem could succeed unless price adjustments were squarely faced, he added.

Mr George Korea, of Ceylon, criticised the FAO Council for failing to give the conference any lead on the ICCP proposal.

"On behalf of the common man of the world we want a scheme that will help over a very short term to move food surpluses to feed the world's hungry," he said.

"The fulfilment of the conference will be dependent on the price adjustments we propose now for the movement of surpluses. We cannot look on the problem from the viewpoint of economics alone. Do not let us get up because of the fear of the inconvertibility of currency."

"Are we not more afraid of the transformation of the contented peasant into a man who sees his children starving?"

### U.S. OPPOSITION

Mr Charles Brannan, the US Secretary of Agriculture, reiterated his opposition to any international agency which, like the proposed commodity clearing house, might involve an accumulation of inconvertible currencies in the treasuries of member countries.

The new proposal for a "merely Consultative International Commodity Committee" was a "realistic approach" to the problem of surpluses.

Mr Brannan disputed the contention by a number of delegations that American food surpluses could have a substantial effect on shortages existing in some countries.

"The actual surpluses which we have or anticipate having in the United States are very small in terms of the additional food needed to bring the world up to a minimum nutritional standard," he said. The FAO could best serve the cause of a more equitable distribution of food in a merely consultative capacity that would not interfere with the developments of normal trade patterns, he said.—Reuter.

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# Indian Republic Bill Unopposed

## SECOND COMMONS READING

London, Dec. 5.—The House of Commons today gave an unopposed second reading—agreement in principle—to a bill to preserve for India the rights and privileges now enjoyed under British law after she becomes a Republic on January 26 next year.

The Bill, moved by Mr Philip Noel-Baker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, will:

### Eritreans Kill Another Italian

Asmara, Eritrea, Dec. 5.—Eritrean terrorists who have warned Italians to leave Eritrea or risk death claimed another Italian victim on Sunday afternoon.

He was Nardi Silvio, 50, employed on an administrative post at Asmara. He was shot dead by a bandit gang of 15 to 20 men, presumably commanded by the Eritrean bandit leader, Haile Abba.

The bandits took the rifles of two Eritrean guards and Nardi's shotgun and with these weapons they soon afterwards attacked a nearby five-man post of the "Bandas" (administrative sponsored armed peasants).

The bandits wounded one member of the post and took three more rifles away with them.

The Asmara Masawa diesel train was held up on Saturday afternoon 10 miles from Masawa by five or six bandits. The British military escort fired and killed one bandit and it is thought, wounded one other. Associated Press.

### PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN

#### Economic Issues In Forefront

Manila, Dec. 5.—The Foreign Office announced today that Dr Marcelino Bernardo, its economist, departed by plane for Tokyo this morning to become commercial counsellor to Minister Bernabe Acria.

Mr Bernardo was chief of the commercial and monetary policy division of the Foreign Office. He will rank next to Mr Africa in the Tokyo mission.

Dr Bernardo's assignment reflects the increasing preoccupation of the Philippines over economic issues concerning Japan. These include:

1. The question of reparations payments, which were halted by the United States on May 12.

2. The issue of Japan's re-entry into overseas commerce and the necessity of curbs on Philippine-Japan trade.

3. Problems connected with the peace treaty conference which the United States Government, it is reported, contemplates to call early next year. United Press.

### Commemorating The Airlift

London, Dec. 5.—General William H. Tunner, former Commander of the combined Berlin airlift task force, and pilots and air crews who will represent the United States Air Force in the Berlin airlift commemoration here, arrived from the United States by air today.

The commemoration will include an inspection by the King at Buckingham Palace, and a march through London to Guildhall for luncheon with the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London on Wednesday. Reuter.



"You've no idea how it helps my lips"

### Signs Of Winter



The leaves fall in London, and overhead there are bare branches and underfoot a thick carpet in Green Park.

## ISRAEL WILL NOT GIVE UP RULE OVER JERUSALEM

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 5.—The Israel Prime Minister, Mr David Ben-Gurion, told Parliament here today that Israel would not give up its rule in Jerusalem.

A 17-nation Sub-Committee of the United Nations Special Political Committee voted last week to make Jerusalem a separate international zone under the control of the United Nations.

Mr Ben-Gurion, speaking in Tel-Aviv only two hours before the Jerusalem problem was due to come up for discussion at Lake Success, again said that the United Nations partition resolution of November 1947, providing for the internationalisation of Jerusalem, was null and void because the United Nations failed to implement it.

"We feel pain in the fact that Jerusalem is also sanctified in the eyes of adherents to other faiths, and we are freely and willingly ready to make all necessary arrangements to enable adherents to other faiths to enjoy their religious needs in Jerusalem," he added. Reuter.

#### STRONG SPEECH

Lake Success, Dec. 5.—The U.S. delegate, John Ross, said that the proposal before the U.N. Political Committee, calling for all-out internationalisation of Jerusalem, "deceives world opinion," and announced that the U.S. considers the plan submitted by the Netherlands and Sweden calling for a limitation of U.N. control of the Holy places, "a practical and satisfactory approach."

Ross, in a strongly-worded speech before the 59-nation Committee, said that the full internationalisation plan approved by the majority of the 17-member sub-committee last week, "deceives world opinion, particularly Arab and Christian opinion, for it has the appearance of complete internationalisation while really offering no assurance whatsoever that any internationalisation would be achieved. We do not believe that the United Nations should make a decision knowing in advance that it is not practicable to carry it out."

#### IMPOSSIBLE TASK

Referring to the firm opposition of Israel, and Jordan to U.N. control of the Holy City, Ross pointed out that "neither the Trusteeship Council nor any other agency of the U.N. has the forces which, in the last analysis, might be required to impose such a solution on the peoples concerned."

"The General Assembly would confront the Trusteeship Council with the impossible task of establishing and operating a new and totally separate political entity for Jerusalem, which fails utterly to take into account the realities of the situation we are trying to deal with."

Ross said that if the sub-committee plan were approved, "the Assembly would be asking a U.N. organ (the Trusteeship Council) which is particularly charged with the interests of the peoples in the trustee territories, to set up a regime which does not in any way express the wishes of the people of the territory, but is solely to take into account the desires of the Jewish representatives at the table."

#### BLANK CHEQUE

The United Nations would be committed to responsibilities of the gravest character, including enforcement of the White Australia policy, "totalitarianism," would, in effect, be signing a blank cheque. The representative at the table would be confronting their go-

### Assembly Proceedings Boycotted

Lake Success, Dec. 5.—The United Kingdom, France and Belgium boycotted proceedings tonight when the General Assembly elected non-permanent members of the controversial 16-nation Special Committee on Information, whose task will be to gather economic, social and educational reports on non-self-governing territories.

The United Kingdom and France voted against the resolution establishing the Committee for three years when it was passed by the Assembly last week. Belgium abstained.

Egypt, India, Brazil and the Soviet Union were elected Committee members for a three-year term. Mexico and the Philippines were elected for two-year terms and Sweden and Venezuela for one-year terms.

Balloting took place in the Trusteeship Committee which acted on behalf of the Assembly. Before the voting began, Mr J. Fletcher Cooke (United Kingdom), Mr Roger Garreau (France) and M. Edgar de Bruyne (Belgium) served notice on the Committee that their governments had instructed them to abstain in the election.

The Assembly resolution establishing the Committee provides that powers administering non-self-governing territories and transmitting information on economic, social and educational aspects of their administration automatically become permanent members of the Committee.

The United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia and Denmark—all of whom administer non-self-governing territories—thus become permanent members of the Committee. United Press.

### SWISS EXPEL RUMANIAN

Berne, Dec. 5.—A Rumanian condemned in June by a Swiss Court for economic espionage was released from prison today and expelled from the country by a Government order.

The man, Soltan Vitianu, also convicted for usury and corruption, received an 18-month sentence, but had been in gaol nearly a year before his trial.

Switzerland's decision to try him resulted in the arrest of many Swiss residents in Rumania.

Rumania claimed diplomatic status and immunity from trial for Vitianu.

The Swiss Federal Council also announced today that the Minister in Bucharest would make new protests about living conditions for Swiss in Rumania. Reuter.

### Demonstration In Madrid

Madrid, Dec. 5.—Five persons were reported to have been arrested during a short monarchist demonstration on Sunday.

Four of them were students and all belonged to the Carlist group of monarchists, a minor royalist organisation in opposition to the legitimate monarchist followers of Don Juan. Most Carlists recognise Don Javier de Bourbon Parma as Pretender to the Spanish throne. Associated Press.

## White Australia Policy Flayed

Sydney, Dec. 5.—The Anglican Synod convening here recently unanimously urged "discretion" in the administration of the "so-called White Australia policy."

Synod representative Malcolm Perry said: "According to some historical records, Jesus Christ was coloured, and I suppose the Minister for Immigration, Mr Arthur Calwell, would keep him out on those grounds."

The Synod unanimously passed a motion urging "discretion in cases where rigid enforcement would threaten the sanctity of marriage, or deprive an Australian citizen of some fundamental right or tend to prejudice mutual goodwill of Australia and the nations of the East."

Synod representative E. C. B. MacLaurin called Mr Calwell's enforcement of the White Australia policy "totalitarianism."

Opposition leader Robert G. Menzies, in his policy speech for the December 10 elections, said

### POCKET CARTOON



### ULSTER PM CHALLENGED TO DEBATE

Belfast, Dec. 5.—Two anti-partitionist members of the Northern Ireland Parliament, Mr James E. Lennon, of Armagh, and Mr Malachy A. Conlon, member for South Armagh, today challenged the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, Sir Basil Brooke, to debate the partition issue during his American tour next year.

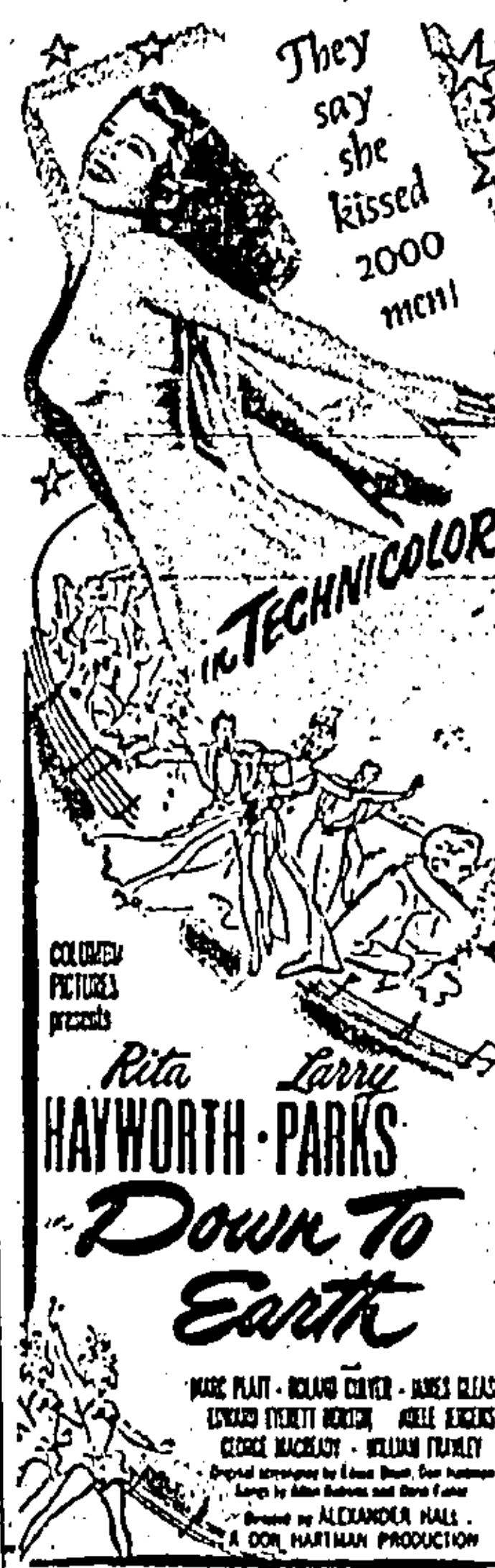
In a statement issued on their return from the United States, where they supported a campaign against a partitioned Ireland, they said: "We invite Sir Basil Brooke to meet a representative of the Anti-Partition League on a public platform in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, or Providence."

Mr Lennon said that 10,000 Irishmen and women would give Sir Basil "the welcome he deserves" when he arrived in New York.

He said he was authorised to state that the partition question would again be raised in Congress within the next two months.—neuter.

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